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Subject: FILE 105-412

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- Kenneth Goff
Don Lohbeck
- Russian ambassador

Dear Requester:

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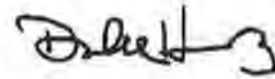
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☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC

DATE: July 31, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED], SA

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY

At 9:15 A. M. this date, Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were instructed by Supervisor [REDACTED] to proceed to the Russian Embassy, where it had been reported there was some sort of disturbance.

Agents proceeded to the Embassy and it was observed there was a small group of civilians and police milling around in front of the Embassy. Agents contacted a police sergeant, who advised that five men had driven up in an automobile and planted placards around the front lawn of the Embassy which reportedly read as follows:

- 1) "For Sale - Owner Leaving Town"
- 2) "Building Rat Infested"
- 3) "Murder, Incorporated"

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The sergeant further advised that the individuals who planted these signs got back in their car after a few minutes and drove off. The sergeant advised that the captain at the 3rd Precinct may have additional information on this matter.

Agents contacted the captain of the 3rd Precinct and his story was substantially the same as that given Agents by the police sergeant at the Embassy. The captain further advised that the report was first made to his precinct at 9:05 A. M.; that his officers had ascertained that three men drove up in a Mercury automobile bearing D.C. license 7394. This license is listed to [REDACTED]. Two individuals got out with the above-mentioned signs and planted them in various spots on the front lawn of the Embassy. After a few moments they drove off. The police captain further ascertained that local newspaper reporters were present prior to the arrival of the individuals who planted these signs. Upon interview by the captain, these newspaper reporters admitted to him they had received a tip to the effect that this incident was going to happen prior to the time it did happen. They further advised the captain that the individuals who planted these signs were the Reverend KENNETH GORF, who says he is the national director of Christian Youth of America, that his headquarters are in Denver and that he is connected with GERALD L. K. SMITH, and DON LOHBECK.

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who stated he was the editor of the "Cross and Flag," a magazine sponsored by GERALD SMITH's group which is published in Detroit. LOHBECK stated he was from St. Louis.

The captain stated he contacted [redacted], and [redacted] stated he does not want any additional police protection because of this incident nor does he want any charges pressed before he has occasion to take this matter up with his superiors. The captain stated that one of the signs which was planted on these lawns was recovered but he knows of no others that have been recovered.

The names of the above-mentioned individuals who participated in this incident were searched through the indices of the Washington Field Office and the information obtained therefrom is being incorporated in this memorandum.

The following file references were found on KENNETH GOFF:
100-1142-8, Page 38; serial 26, Page 3; serial 19, pages 7 and 11;
100-0-10633, 10633a; 100-8206 (Dies Committee file).

A review of the material contained in the above-mentioned files indicates that [redacted]

[redacted]. It also appears that he testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities and in his testimony before that group, he stated he had been a member of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. At the time he appeared before the Committee, he also submitted a copy of a letter he addressed to the Young Communist League and the Communist Party stating his reasons for resigning from the Party. In effect, he stated he originally joined the Party because he thought the aims of the Party were for the bettering of America but after being in the Party for three years, he reached the conclusion that joining the Party was the "greatest mistake of my life." He further stated, "You have proven to me by your teachings and actions that your aims are not for the bettering of America but for furthering your own selfish ambitions and those of your fatherland in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." The remainder of his letter is taken up with a severe indictment of the American Communist Party. He stated, "I shall take my stand with those who are fighting for real Americanism and democracy. I know that this is a long and bitter fight

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and I am enlisted for the duration of the war." GOFF further advised his Party name while a member was JOHN KEATS.

There is considerable other information contained in the Dies Committee testimony on the background of GOFF.

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The files of the Washington Field Office indicate the following references on DONALD A. LOHBECK: 100-12195 and 25-3455.

From information contained in the "100" file mentioned above, subject at one time lived in Munich, Germany, and studied music in Paris in 1940. Subject made trips to Mexico City and on one occasion upon returning from Mexico City, he advised his mother-in-law he had become very friendly with the German Consul in that city. He also said to her on one occasion that he would love to live in Germany. It also appears that St. Louis is the office of origin in the case in which the subject is a conscientious objector. Subject was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 20, 1917. He is a musician by profession. He advised his draft board he is a conscientious objector. The file further indicates he was associated with the America First Committee and is reported to have had pro-Axis sentiments.

In Washington Field Office file 100-18314, in the case entitled "Christian Veterans of America," there are contained several pamphlets published by the Christian Veterans. One of these publications is entitled "Christian Veterans Take Action In St. Louis." The gist of the article is that the Christian Veterans attempted to see the Mayor of St. Louis to request protection from "Communist terrorists operating in St. Louis." They were unable to see the Mayor. This publication contains a picture of various Christian Veterans leaving the Mayor's office in St. Louis and in the caption under the picture, it states that DON LOHBECK, who appears on the right side of the photograph, is the staff editor for GERALD L. K. SMITH's "Cross and

The Flag."

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The indices of the Washington Field Office were searched under the name of the "Cross and the Flag" and the files reflect that in the case entitled "U.S.A. vs [redacted], et al, Sedition," the "Cross and Flag" is listed as a publication used by the defendants for the purpose of aiding them in their sedition efforts. Another reference is made to the "Cross and Flag" in an article appearing in the Washington Daily News in September, 1943, written by [redacted], in which [redacted] points out that seditionists are operating in the United States and that one of their publications is the "Cross and Flag."

The name of [redacted] and also the Christian Youth of America were both searched in the Washington Field Office files with negative results.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED], SA

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Mr. J. P. COYNE of the Bureau was telephonically furnished on July 31, 1947, with the substance of the information contained in the memorandum of SA [REDACTED] dated July 31, 1947, pertaining to the signs placed at the Russian Embassy by KENNETH GOFF and DON LOHBECK. Mr. COYNE was advised no official inquiry was being made by this office regarding the incident and he stated no action should be taken in the absence of instructions from the Bureau.

Mr. COYNE was subsequently advised of the information received from a confidential source that [REDACTED]

Mr. COYNE was also advised on the same date of information received from a confidential source to the effect that [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI

August 1, 1947

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

GERALD L. K. SMITH
SECURITY MATTER

Reference my letter dated July 30, 1947, which set forth information received by this office regarding the proposed appearance of GERALD L. K. SMITH at the Sylvan Theater on August 3, 1947. Since this letter, additional information has been received which is being furnished, herewith.

On July 31, 1947, it was learned that five men driving an automobile had stopped before the Russian Embassy and had planted placards around the front lawn of the Embassy which reportedly read as follows:

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1. "For Sale - Owner Leaving Town"
2. "Building Rat Infested"
3. "Murder, Incorporated"

Agents of this office learned through the Metropolitan Police Department that [redacted]

[redacted] It was further learned that two individuals had alighted from this automobile and had planted the placards in various spots on the front lawn of the Embassy. A police official at No. 3 Precinct advised the Agents that local newspaper reporters were present at the Embassy prior to the arrival of the individuals who planted these signs and these newspaper reporters had admitted to the police officer that they had received previous information to the effect this incident was going to occur. The reporters further stated that the individuals who had planted these signs were the Reverend KENNETH GOFF who stated he was the National Director of the Christian Youth of America with headquarters in Denver, Colorado; further that he was connected with GERALD L. K. SMITH and with DON LOHBECK. LOHBECK stated he was the editor of the "Cross and Flag", a magazine sponsored by SMITH's group which was published in Detroit.

The Captain of the No. 3 Precinct advised the Agents he had contacted [redacted], who stated he did not desire additional police protection and did not want any charges pressed until he was able to take up this matter with his superiors.

The files of the Washington Field Office revealed that [redacted]

[redacted] It further appears that GOFF was a witness before the Committee on Un-American Activities and in his testimony stated he had been a member of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. In his testimony before this Committee it appeared that GOFF had severed his connections with the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

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Director, FBI
Re: Gerald L. K. Smith
Security Matter

With regard to DONALD A. LOHBECK, the files of this office indicate that this person was the subject of a Selective Service conscientious objector investigation in which St. Louis was the office of origin. He is a musician by profession. Further, the files indicate he was associated with the America First Committee and was reported to have had pro-Axis sentiments. It was further indicated that LOHBECK is the staff editor for GERALD L. K. SMITH's "Cross and Flag".

No record was found in the files of the Washington Field Office concerning [redacted].

With regard to the incident at the Russian Embassy, Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that [redacted]

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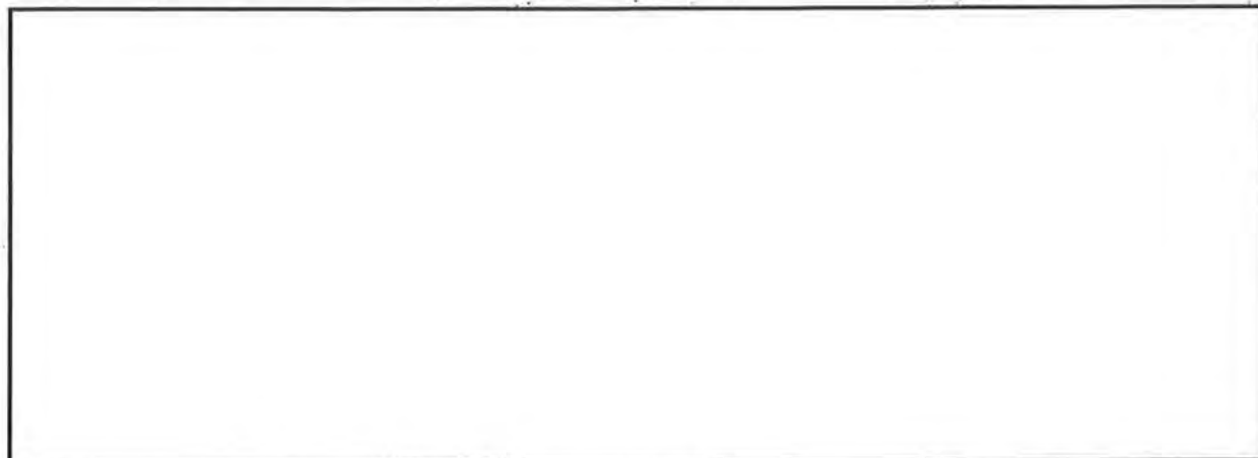
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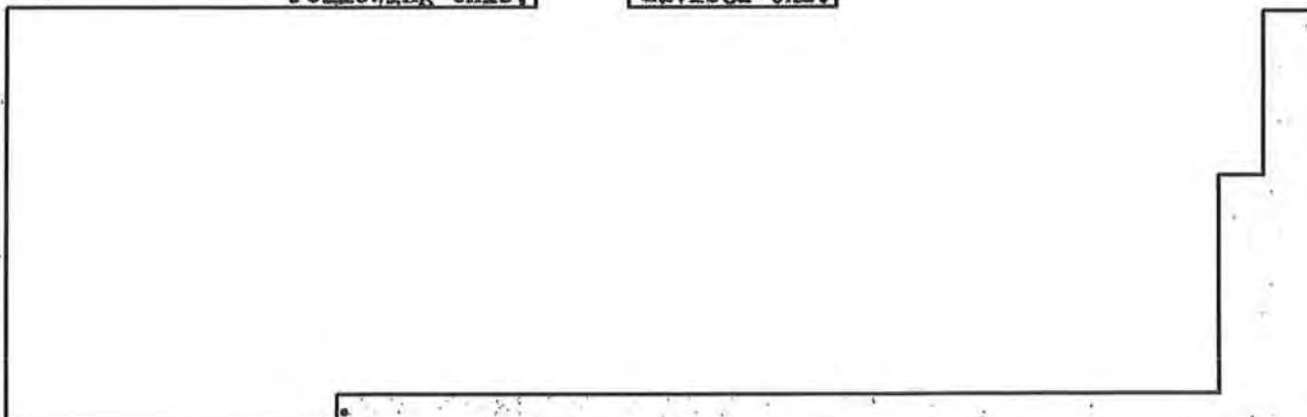
[redacted], Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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Following this, [redacted] advised that [redacted]



The foregoing has been furnished for the information of the Bureau and any new developments concerning this situation will be forwarded promptly.

Washington Daily News
8-4-47

All Calm Along Potomac Except Gerald Smith

Washington's silent advance treatment of Gerald L. K. Smith's white supremacy speech here paid off. The net result—scattered applause balanced by scattered boos.

An orderly crowd of 400 turned out last night to hear the head of the Christian Nationalists, declare at the Sylvan Amphitheater that the United Nations is "dead" and war between U. S. and Russia is inevitable.

POLICE RELAX

The 22 police assigned to keep order had an easy evening. Nothing like the riots marking his appearance in other cities.

Opening what he termed the "militant phase" of his Christian Nationalist crusade, Mr. Smith said the atom bomb should be returned to Army control and war refugees to Europe.

He favored election of Sen. John W. Bricker (R., O.) or Gen. Douglas MacArthur to the Presidency but added he believed President Truman could be re-elected if he expels Henry A. Wallace from the Democratic Party.

'GIVE IT A HAND'

The big, organ-voiced Nationalist frequently asked for applause by saying, "You can give that a hand if you agree." He limited his gestures to short, incisive jabs with his right forearm and open hand. But occasionally he swung wide his arms and waved a fist.

In the main, he preached an appeal to the "mature minds" of the "humble and religious" to save the country from the Communists, and extolled "white supremacy."

Some 30 of his associates sat on the platform as he spoke. At one

point he congratulated two of his young followers who last week painted anti-Russian slogans in front of the Soviet Embassy here.

"Go back to your friend, Joe Stalin," he said whenever he was booed.

He protested the police regulation that prevented his taking up a collection and pointed out that donations were collected at a recent meeting sponsored by supporters of Henry Wallace at the Water Gate.

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MEMO, SAC

RE: REVEREND KENNETH GOFF
DONALD LOHBECK
SECURITY MATTER

USA GEORGE MORRIS FAY called the morning of August 18, 1947. He advised he has a communication from the Attorney General stating he has instructed the Bureau to make a complete and intensive investigation into the activities of the above-named individuals at the Russian Embassy, where they placed placards, and that he had instructed the Bureau to make available to the USA all information in their files concerning these persons and investigative reports regarding GOFF and LOHBECK. At the same time, Mr. FAY stated the letter from the Department indicated the State Department had requested the full investigation of the Department. I told Mr. FAY I would check into this matter and have the Agent handling the investigation get in touch with him.

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ASAC discussed with
Mr. J. P. Coyne of Bureau
who advised that no info
request had been received.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 18, 1947

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC
FROM : [REDACTED], SA
SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - M

ASAC HENNRICH telephonically communicated with Mr. J. P. COYNE of the Bureau on August 18, 1947, regarding the telephone call received by SA [REDACTED] from USA FAY indicating he had received a communication from the Attorney General reflecting that the Bureau had been instructed to conduct an investigation regarding the placing of signs around the Russian Embassy by Reverend KENNETH GOFF and DONALD LOHBECK.

Mr. COYNE stated he was not aware of any such request. However, at 3 P. M. on August 18, 1947, Mr. COYNE telephonically advised Mr. HENNRICH that no request had been received from the Attorney General in this matter and that since no request had been received, Mr. FAY was to be advised we are taking no action in the matter.

This information was telephonically communicated to Mr. FAY by the writer, at which time he indicated he would check further with the Attorney General's office.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC

DATE: August 21, 1947

FROM : SASUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - Mb6
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Miss CARR of Assistant United States Attorney FAY's office called at 10:30 A. M. this date to ascertain whether this office had received a request from the Bureau to investigate the incident wherein certain placards were placed on the Russian Embassy lawn by representatives of the GERALD L. K. SMITH movement. Miss CARR stated that Mr. FAY had contacted Mr. ROTH, presumably of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, requesting that the FBI conduct an investigation in this matter.

Miss CARR was advised that this office had received no request from the Bureau to conduct an investigation as of this date.

No further action is contemplated in this matter until specific instructions are received from the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington

DATE: August 26, 1947

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: REVEREND KENNETH GOFF
DONALD LOHBECK
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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By memorandum dated August 1, 1947, directed to the Attorney General, the Bureau furnished the following information to the Attorney General: "At approximately 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 1947, two men reportedly drove up to the Russian Embassy and proceeded to place signs in front of the Embassy, several on the fence and one near the door which commands entrance to the Embassy. According to the informant, the signs read as follows: 'House for Sale - Owner Leaving Town Soon'; 'Rat Infested'; 'Murder, Inc.'; 'Spies'.

"It was subsequently learned that these signs were placed before the Embassy by Reverend Kenneth Goff, National Director of the Christian Youth of America, and Donald A. Lohbeck, of St. Louis, Missouri, who is the chief organizer for the America First Party of Gerald L. K. Smith. It was stated that these individuals told news reporters that they were associates of Gerald L. K. Smith. It was further pointed out that the car utilized by Goff and Lohbeck was a Mercury coupe, bearing D.C. license number 7394, which is registered in the name of [redacted]

"The State Department has been advised of the above information and it has been learned that the Russian Embassy transmitted an official protest at 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 1947, to [redacted] of the State Department, relative to this incident.

"It is observed that Title 22, Section 255a, of the United States Code, provides that:

"It shall be unlawful to display any flag, banner, placard, or device designed or adapted to intimidate, coerce, or bring into public odium any foreign government, party, or organization, or any officer or officers thereof, or to bring into public disrepute political, social, or economic acts, views, or purposes of any foreign government, party, or organization, or to intimidate, coerce, harass, or bring into public disrepute any officer or officers or diplomatic or consular representatives of any foreign government, or to interfere with the free and safe pursuit of the duties of any diplomatic or consular representatives of any foreign government, within five hundred feet of any building or premises within the District of Columbia used or occupied by any foreign government or its representative or representatives as an embassy, legation, consulate, or for other official purposes, except by, and in accordance with, a permit issued by the superintendent of police of the said District; or to congregate within five hundred feet of any such building or premises, and to refuse to disperse after having been ordered to do so by the police authorities of the said District."

"It further is observed that this law was passed on February 15, 1938, and provides that the police court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction of offenses committed in violation to this Act. Also, persons violating the provisions of this section 'shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, or both.'

"Information contained in the Bureau's files with regard to Kenneth Goff, reflects that he organized the Christian Youth of America at Englewood, Colorado, on December 17, 1943, for the purpose of combating Communistic practices among the youth of America. It is observed that on April 30, 1945, Gerald L. K. Smith, of Detroit, Michigan, spoke at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado, at a meeting sponsored by Goff and the Christian Youth of America. Goff's organization publishes a monthly newspaper called 'The Pilgrim Torch.'

"With regard to Donald A. Lohbeck, it is noted that he was born at St. Louis, Missouri, on August 20, 1917, and that he claimed deferment under the Selective Training and Service Act during World War II as a conscientious objector. According to informants, Lohbeck's sole occupation at this time is the promotion of the activities of the America First Party, which organization is under the leadership of Gerald L. K. Smith.

✓ "The Bureau's indices reflect no identifiable information with regard to [redacted] [redacted]

"In the absence of specific instructions, no action concerning this matter is contemplated."

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Replying to the above memorandum, Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn, Criminal Division advised the Bureau by memorandum dated August 14, 1947, as follows: "We refer to your memorandum dated August 1, 1947, containing a summary of facts relative to the placing of signs in front of the Russian Embassy on or about July 31, 1947.

"A copy of the official protest transmitted by the Russian Embassy to the State Department under date of July 31, 1947, has been referred to the Attorney General by Secretary of State Marshall, with an accompanying note dated August 8, 1947. In said note the Secretary of State urges that prompt steps be taken to investigate this matter and to punish the persons responsible for these acts.

ent { "We are today referring the matter to United States Attorney George Morris Fay with the request that he review said activities and take prosecutive action as is deemed appropriate in the premises.

ent { "We suggest you make available to Mr. Fay all facts developed in your investigation to date and to otherwise closely pursue further investigation under his direction.

"Please keep this office fully advised of developments."

ent / In accordance with the instructions of the Assistant Attorney General, you are requested to have an Agent make available to United States Attorney George Morris Fay all facts pertinent to this matter as outlined in instant memorandum and to conduct any further investigation which Mr. Fay may direct. The Bureau should be promptly and completely advised of any and all developments.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : SASUBJECT: Reverend KENNETH GOFF
DONALD LOHBECK
Internal Security - X

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This is to advise that information concerning the placing of signs on the lawn of the Soviet Embassy on July 31, 1947, by the above individuals connected with the organization of GERALD L. K. SMITH was received from the Bureau with authority to investigate at 3 p.m., August 29, 1947.

The writer immediately called U. S. Attorney FAY's office for an appointment to discuss the case in accordance with said Bureau memo and was advised Mr. FAY had left the office for the holidays and that he would immediately contact the writer upon his return.

On September 2, 1947, the writer again called Mr. FAY's office and was advised Mr. FAY was anxious to discuss the case but was busy on other matters and would call the writer as soon as possible.

On September 3, 1947, at 4:30 p.m., Mr. FAY's office called the writer and advised he wished to discuss the case at 9:30 a.m., September 4, 1947.

The above information is being submitted for your information and record, and you will be currently advised of the progress in the investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE DONALD A. LOHBECK; wa Stephen Goodyear; Reverend KENNETH GOFF; UNKNOWN SUBJECT | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Witnesses state three men on morning of July 31, 1947, placed signs on property of USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., which read as follows: "For sale, owners leaving soon; closed, rat infested; murder, inc.; beware, spies working; GERALD L. K. SMITH." Prior arrangements made for press to witness incident by one STEPHEN GOODYEAR who identified himself to witnesses as DONALD LOHBECK. United States Attorney desires prosecution of perpetrators of incident. Photographs of incident, witnesses and all signs obtained except one which was destroyed. Present whereabouts of subjects unknown. Address given on July 28, 1947, at Philadelphia was 3940 McClellan Street, Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 26, 1947</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D.C.</u></p> <p>Captain , 3rd Precinct, Metropolitan Police Department, advised that at approximately 9:05 a.m. on July 31, 1947, in a report made to this precinct by his officers it was stated that three men drove up to the USSR Embassy in a Mercury automobile, bearing D.C. license 7394, which license is issued to MABKL E. KITCHIN, 7210 Blair Road, NW. Two individuals got out of the car with signs printed with (1) "for sale, owners leaving town; (2) building rat infested; and (3) murder, inc." These signs were placed by the individuals in various spots on the front lawn of the embassy. After a few moments they drove off. Captain further ascertained that local newspaper reporters were present prior to the arrival of</p> | | | |
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the individuals who planted these signs. Upon interview by the captain these newspaper reporters admitted to him they had received a tip to the effect that this incident was going to happen prior to the time it did happen. They further advised the captain that the individuals who planted these signs were the Rev. KENNETH COFF, who says he is the national director of Christian Youth of America with headquarters in Denver and is connected with GERALD L. K. SMITH, and DON LOHBECK who stated he was the editor of the "Cross and the Flag," a magazine sponsored by SMITH's group which is published in Detroit. LOHBECK stated he was from St. Louis. The captain further advised he contacted [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] stated he does not want any additional police protection because of this incident nor does he want any charges placed before he has occasion to take this matter up with his superiors. The captain stated that one of the signs planted on the lawn was recovered by him but he knows of no others that have been recovered.

By memorandum dated August 14, 1947, the Attorney General advised that a copy of the official protest transmitted by the Russian Embassy to the State Department under date of July 31, 1947, had been referred to him by Secretary of State MARSHALL with an accompanying note, dated August 8, 1947. In said note the Secretary of State urges prompt steps be taken to investigate this matter and punishment of persons responsible for these actions. The memorandum pointed out that it is believed a violation of Title 22, Section 255a, United States Code, occurred, which statute provides in substance that "it shall be unlawful to display any flag, banner, placard, or device designed or adapted to intimidate, coerce, or bring into public odium any foreign government, party, or organization, or any officer or officers thereof, or to bring into public disrepute political, social, or economic acts, views, or purposes of any foreign government. . ."

Honorable GEORGE MORRIS FAY, United States Attorney, was contacted and he advised that he wishes to prosecute the perpetrators of this incident which he stated was witnessed by Senator GREEN of Rhode Island and [redacted]

[redacted] both of whom he did not wish to use as witnesses. Mr. FAY further advised that it was his understanding that the newspapers were tipped off that this incident would occur and that the Washington Post and Times Herald reporters witnessed the incident. Mr. FAY also stated that the police department advised him that no permit had been obtained for this demonstration in accordance with law.

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Lieutenant [redacted], Metropolitan Police Department, will testify that the records of the Metropolitan Police Department do not indicate that any permit was ever issued under Title 22, Section 255a, United States Code, relative to any signs being placed on the Soviet Embassy property on July 31, 1947.

[redacted], State Department, will testify that the Embassy of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is located at 1119-25 16th Street, NW, and is presently and was on July 31, 1947, recognized and occupied as the official and accredited embassy of the Soviet government. [redacted] stated that this property was purchased many years ago by the Soviet government and that the land records of the District of Columbia will reflect title in their name.

[redacted], Washington Post, advised that they had received an anonymous call to the effect that something of interest would take place at 9:00 a.m. July 31, 1947, in front of the Soviet Embassy. They did not, however, go there but it was his understanding that Harris & Ewing had been hired by these individuals to take photographs.

[redacted], Washington Post, advised that he received the call about 9:30 a.m. which they picked up on police radio but that they did not send a reporter or a photographer. They had run the story of the incident and had pictures available obtained from Harris & Ewing.

At Harris & Ewing, 1313 F Street, NW, [redacted] of the news department stated that on July 30, 1947, a man who identified himself as Mr. STEPHEN GOODYEAR called and gave the assignment to them. Mr. GOODYEAR listed his address as Room 665, Statler Hotel, but requested that the reporter covering the assignment meet him at 5:00 a.m. on July 31, 1947, in the lobby of the Carlton Hotel. [redacted] told him they would not cover an assignment at that hour and it was then changed to 9:00 a.m. [redacted] assigned [redacted], a staff photographer, to cover this. [redacted] stated that on August 1, 1947, when Mr. GOODYEAR called for the pictures and paid for them he was told that this was not the man's true name. [redacted] furnished the pictures taken by [redacted] and identified the person who appeared for the pictures as DONALD LOEBECK.

[redacted], Harris & Ewing, stated that he met the three men and rode with them in their car, a Lincoln club coupe, from the Carlton Hotel to the USSR Embassy, arriving there at approximately 9:05 a.m. on July 31, 1947. [redacted] stated that [redacted], Associated Press staff photographer, arrived at approximately 9:06 a.m. and that they witnessed the placing of the signs by these three men. [redacted] identified the pictures which he had taken and stated that on one of the signs placed on the side of

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the embassy building on the wall referred in some manner to GERALD L. K. SMITH and that SMITH's name was mentioned by the man during the occurrence of the incident. [] took pictures of these signs and made the photographs available to the writer. He advised that he would be willing to be a witness in any proceedings against these men and felt he could readily identify them.

[] staff photographer, Associated Press, Evening Star building, advised that on July 31, 1947, he received a tip from his office that a demonstration was to be held in front of the USSR Embassy on 16th Street. He drove to the front of the embassy, arriving there at approximately 9:05 a.m. and observed across the street a 1946-47 pale blue Lincoln club coupe with Illinois tags, number not known. Three men occupied the car and they were talking to a Harris & Ewing photographer, []. Immediately upon his arrival the car with the three individuals made a "U" turn in front of the embassy and parked directly behind him, facing south on 16th Street. After parking he overheard one of the men say, "The Associated Press is here now and we can start." At this time [] stated he was the only photographer other than [] present. The three men then got out of their car and began taking signs from behind the front seat of the coupe and tacking these signs on the trees located on the premises of the Soviet Embassy. They tacked two signs on two trees and at one time all three of the men were working on one of the signs. The men also put two signs in the ground further up the walk toward the entrance of the embassy and later as a last act placed some GERALD L. K. SMITH literature under the USSR name plate on the embassy wall. This literature appeared to be fastened on the wall by some sort of adhesive tape. [] stated that he would be willing to testify and felt sure he could identify the three individuals whom he described as follows:

No. 1. A thin short man, approximately 32 to 33 years of age, who subsequently identified himself to [] as being from St. Louis, who seemed to be the leader of the group, and whose name he believed to be LOHBECK.

No. 2. The driver of the car, big and over 6' tall, brown curly hair, 29 or 30 years of age, who he thought may be SMITH's son. It is to be noted at this time that the individual is believed by the writer to be the Reverend KENNETH COFF.

No. 3. The oldest of the group, gray hair, bald, with stocky build, in his late 40's or early 50's, and about 5'10" in height.

After the incident of placing the signs, a man who identified himself as [] came out and spoke to the men in the car. All three then drove away in the Lincoln club coupe.

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[] stated that all three men participated in placing the signs and that one sign had GERALD L. K. SMITH's printed name and was placed on the embassy wall. [] made available the only picture he had which reflects the man identified as LOHBECK leaving the USSR Embassy building and [] coming out of the embassy door. This picture appeared in the Life Magazine August 8th issue. [] stated at the end of the incident he noticed other reporters present, namely [], New York Daily News, National Press Building, [], International News photographer, Times Herald Building, and [], Evening Star. [] made the following four pictures:

- (1) All three men tacking sign "Closed, rat infested" on tree next to hedge on embassy lawn.
- (2) Man placing GERALD L. K. SMITH literature on embassy wall below name plate.
- (3) Man leaving embassy grounds and [] coming out of the building (in Life Magazine August 8th issue and reflecting all four signs placed on grounds).
- (4) Soviet Embassy secretary talking to men in the car.

[] stated that on July 31, 1947, at the time the incident occurred, three boys were visiting them and witnessed the incident. The three boys after the occurrence went to the secretary of the Russian Embassy and he gave them the signs which they took to their homes as souvenirs. [] stated the three boys were []

[] stated that she knew the boys still had the signs and that they could be obtained from them.

[] advised that he witnessed the incident at the Russian Embassy and that he had obtained the sign, "Murder, Inc.," and would be glad to turn it over; however, would like to have it returned as a souvenir, which the writer agreed to do. This sign is being maintained as an exhibit by the Washington Field Office.

[] stated he had witnessed the incident and had obtained the sign, "Beware, spies working," which he turned over to the writer with the request that it be returned. This sign is also being maintained as an exhibit by this office.

[] stated that he had witnessed the incident and had obtained the sign, "Closed, rat infested," but that his mother had destroyed it.

Lieutenant [] Metropolitan Police Department, advised that he had obtained the sign placed on the Soviet Embassy which sign read, "For sale, owners leaving soon," from Captain [] who was present after the incident. This sign was made available and marked for exhibit.

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Mrs. MABEL E. KITCHIN, 4427 Garrison Street, NW, formerly 7210 Blair Road, NW, advised she was the owner of a Mercury, gray cloth topped coupe, black in color with red upholstery, bearing D.C. license 7394. Mrs. KITCHIN stated she was a widow of approximately 70 years of age and that her deceased husband was a well known patent attorney, EDGAR M. KITCHIN.

[redacted] with the Metropolitan Police Department. Mrs. KITCHIN stated [redacted] drives the car and to her knowledge the car was never used by anyone else and she did not know anything about GERALD L. K. SMITH or any of his associates.

[redacted] advised that his duty is at night and that he drives the Mercury coupe bearing license No. 7394 but that as far as he could recollect he has never lent the car to anyone and feels there must be some error because he did not have the car anywhere in the vicinity of the Russian Embassy and as far as he can remember the car was in the garage at [redacted] stated he did not know GERALD L. K. SMITH or any of his associates and stated he was greatly worried and would like to have this matter cleared up. The writer advised [redacted] that this information had been furnished by the captain of the 3rd Precinct and that he would immediately ascertain from the captain how and where he obtained his information.

Captain [redacted], 3rd Precinct, Metropolitan Police Department, stated that on July 31, 1947, at approximately 9:30 a.m. he received a disturbance call and proceeded to the USSR Embassy at 16th and I Streets. When he arrived the perpetrators of the incident had left and he talked to [redacted] who identified himself as [redacted]. He told the captain that one of the men who participated in placing the signs identified himself as DON LOHBECK, St. Louis, Missouri, editor of the "Cross and the Flag." Captain [redacted] stated that he went through the crowd collected in front of the embassy and tried to ascertain the identity of the individuals. A newspaper reporter who refused to identify himself stated that two men had driven away in a car bearing D.C. license No. 7394. Captain [redacted] stated that this license could be incorrect and that he had felt it may have been in error. Captain [redacted] stated that Lieutenant [redacted] of the Metropolitan Police Department was present at the time of his arrival and that he obtained one of the signs from [redacted] and turned it over to Lieutenant [redacted].

[redacted], Statler Hotel, checked the following names for registration in Room 665 for July 30 and 31, 1947, with negative results; Reverend KENNETH GOFF, DONALD A. LOHBECK, and STEPHEN GOODYEAR. The records reflect that GERALD L. K. SMITH and [redacted], address 4321 Three Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan, occupied Room 907 from July 23, 1947, to August 6, 1947, and that their records do not reflect any charges for car garage.

[redacted], Investment Garage, advised that they park all cars of Statler guests and they have no records that would reflect the license numbers of cars.

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At International News Service, Room 605, Times Herald Building, 1317 H Street, NW, an associate of [] was contacted and advised that [] was in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on vacation for three weeks and had left no forwarding address. It is to be noted that [] was given as a witness who had arrived late.

[], State Department, called and stated that Mr. GEORGE M. FAY, United States Attorney, had been discussing the case with him and he wished to state that [], Associated Press reporter, said he had witnessed the incident.

A call to the office of the Associated Press on September 9, 1947, reflected that [] left on vacation September 2, 1947, and would return in three weeks. He left no forwarding address.

Confidential Informant [] stated that []

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The indices of the Washington Field Office were checked with negative results on F. SCHICKEDANZ.

The indices of the Washington Field Office with regard to KENNETH GOFF reflect that he organized the Christian Youth of America at Englewood, Colorado, on December 17, 1943, for the purpose of combating Communist practices among the youth of America. It is observed that on April 30, 1945, GERALD L. K. SMITH of Detroit, Michigan, spoke at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado, at a meeting sponsored by GOFF and the Christian Youth of America. GOFF's organization publishes a monthly newspaper called "The Pilgrim Torch." Washington newspapers carrying stories of the GERALD L. K. SMITH rally on August 4, 1947, at the Sylvan Amphitheater stated that Rev. KENNETH GOFF had stated he was the national director of the Christian Youth for America with headquarters in Denver, Colorado, and further that he was connected with GERALD L. K. SMITH and DON LOHBECK. The Washington Daily News article of August 4, 1947, on GERALD L. K. SMITH's speech makes reference to some 30 of his associates who sat on the platform as he spoke. At one point SMITH congratulated two of his young followers who last week planted anti-Russian slogans in front of the Russian Embassy here. The files further reflect that KENNETH GOFF was on the administrative committee of the American Youth Congress and had made speeches before that organization. It further appears that GOFF was a witness before the Committee on Un-American Activities and in his testimony stated he had been a member of the Communist Party and

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the Young Communist League. In his testimony before this committee it appeared that GOFF had severed his connections with the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

The indices of the Washington Field Office were checked on DONALD A. LOHBECK and reflect that he was born at St. Louis, Missouri, on August 20, 1947, and claimed deferment under the Selective Training and Service Act during World War II as a conscientious objector. According to informants, LOHBECK's sole occupation at this time is the promotion of the activities of the America First party which organization is under the leadership of GERALD L. K. SMITH. The files further reflect that LOHBECK told reporters at the time of the incident that he was the editor of the "Cross and the Flag," a magazine sponsored by SMITH's group and published in Detroit. The files further indicate he is a musician by profession and was associated with and reported to have had pro-Axis sympathies.

A review of the GERALD L. K. SMITH file reflects that in 1945 his Washington contacts were [redacted]. The 1947 Washington telephone directory lists [redacted] telephone [redacted].

The following are descriptions of the subjects:

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| Name | DONALD A. LOHBECK |
| Born | August 21, 1917, St. Louis, Missouri |
| Height | 5'6 1/2" |
| Weight | 125 |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Marital status | Married |
| Former occupation | Musician |
| Former residence | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Remarks | At one time lived in Munich, Germany; studied music in Paris in 1940; in 1943 staff editor of the "Cross and the Flag" |

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| Name | KENNETH GOFF <i>See below</i> |
| Age | 29 to 30 |
| Height | Over 6' |
| Weight | 165 |
| Hair | Brown, curly |
| Occupation | National director, Christian Youth of America |
| Former residence | Denver, Colorado |

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Name

G. J. G.
UNKNOWN SUBJECT (believed to be
F. SCHICKEDANZ, 3940 McClellan Street,
Detroit, Michigan)

Age

Late 40's or early 50's

Height

5'10"

Weight

170 to 180

Hair

Gray, bald

Build

Stocky

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Two sets of seven pictures each taken by [redacted] of Harris &
Ewing and [redacted] of Associated Press of the incident.

TO THE DETROIT DIVISION:

One set of the same pictures.

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THE DETROIT DIVISION:

At Detroit, Michigan will ascertain the identity of the occupants of 3940 McClellan Street, which was the address given by DON LONBECK, RAY GOFF and F. SCHICKEDANZ in Philadelphia on July 28, 1947.

Will endeavor to ascertain the present whereabouts of these individuals.

Will also have identified the persons appearing in the enclosed photographs.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Washington, D.C. will interview [redacted], who were the 1945 contacts of GERALD L. K. SMITH and who arranged for a closed meeting of SMITH's followers on August 4, 1947, at the Statler Hotel. Will ascertain from [redacted] the extent of their knowledge and participation in the July 31st incident at the USSR Embassy and attempt to identify the individuals.

Will recontact the United States Attorney for such further investigation as he may direct.

Will obtain a certified copy of the land record showing title of premises at 1119-25 16th Street, NW.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: REVEREND KENNETH GOFF, wa

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The writer called Mr. FAY, U. S. Attorney's Office, at 3:00 p. m. on August 29, 1947 and was informed that Mr. FAY had received the memorandum from the Attorney General but had left for the holiday week-end.

On September 2, the writer again contacted Mr. FAY's Office and was informed by his Secretary, Mrs. LANE, that Mr. FAY would arrange to see the writer as soon as possible.

On September 3, Mr. FAY's Office advised that he would like to discuss the case with the writer at 9:30 a. m., September 4th, to which the writer agreed to be at Mr. FAY's Office.

This information is being furnished for purposes of record.

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD

September 9, 1947

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

REVEREND KENNETH A. GOFF,
DONALD A. LOHBECK, wa.
Internal Security-X

It is desired that your office ascertain the registered owner of Illinois license plates 7394.

It is also desired that the name be checked through the indices of your office and the information be expedited to us.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE "CHANGED" DONALD A. LOHBECK, wa Stephen Goodyear; Reverend KENNETH COFF; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records of the Recorder of Deeds reflect transfer of premises 1125 Sixteenth Street, N. W. (Soviet Embassy) on November 11, 1913, to the Imperial Russian Government. Upon interview, <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> identified subjects and advised they occupied their apartment at <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>, from July 30 to August 11, 1947.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 26, 1947. Report of Special Agent <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> at Washington, D. C., dated September 13, 1947.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Washington, D. C.</p> <p>The title of this case is being changed to reflect the name of FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, previously carried in referenced report as unknown subject.</p> <p><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>, Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia, 6th and D Streets, N. W., made available the land records regarding the Soviet Embassy at 1125 Sixteenth Street, N. W., and stated that the person to testify for the land records of the Recorder of Deeds Office is <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>, or <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> advised that</p> | | | |
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a subpoena should be directed to the Recorder of Deeds for the production of a certified copy of the pertinent liber numbers and folio numbers. These records reflect the premises at 1125 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Soviet Embassy tax-exempt property, Liber No. 3365, Folio No. 111, lot 72, Square 197, were transferred by deed dated November 11, 1913, of [redacted], conveyed to the Imperial Russian Government which deed was recorded November 14, 1913, at 10:55 A. M.; consideration \$350,000. Records reflect premises at 1119 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Soviet Government tax-exempt property, Liber No. 3720, Folio No. 176, conveyed by deed of [redacted] et ux dated June 17, 1914, to the Imperial Russian Government, recorded June 27, 1914, at 11:46 A. M.; consideration, \$18,000.

On September 13, 1947, Special Agent [redacted] and the writer went to the apartment house located at [redacted], which was formerly occupied by [redacted]. A woman living in this apartment advised that [redacted] had lived in [redacted] but they had moved shortly after Labor Day, September 1, 1947, to an apartment located at [redacted]. This woman advised that J. A. McKeever and Company, Real Estate, 1614 K Street, N. W., was the [redacted] landlord at both places and that they would have the information as to their present address and employment. It was the woman's understanding that [redacted] worked for the Government and that [redacted] was in [redacted] of the J. A. McKeever and Company, Real Estate, 1614 K Street, N. W., advised that their records reflect [redacted] former tenants at [redacted], since July 1943, had moved to one of their larger apartments on September 2, 1947, and that [redacted] new address was [redacted], and also [redacted]. The records of this company contain no derogatory information on [redacted]. They reflect that [redacted] presently works [redacted]

[redacted] The writer called [redacted] at the above number and she advised that she would be available for interview at [redacted], at 8:00 P. M., on Wednesday, September 17, 1947.

Special Agent [redacted] and the writer called on [redacted], on September 17, 1947, and arrived there at approximately 7:30 P. M. After proper identification to [redacted], the writer explained the nature of his visit which was at the request of the United States Attorney. [redacted] stated that he was [redacted] and had been [redacted]

with [] for approximately three years. The writer stated that the United States Attorney, Mr. FAY, wished to learn the identity of the individuals who placed various signs on the premises of the Soviet Embassy, 1125 Sixteenth Street, N. W., on the morning of July 31, 1947. The writer exhibited pictures obtained from the witnesses to [] and [] identified the three men by saying, "This person I know as DON LOHBECK, this one as KEN GOFF, and this one as FORREST SCHICKEDANZ." After this first identification by [], the writer pointed to one of the individuals and stated that it was his understanding that this individual was GOFF and pointed to another individual and stated it was his understanding he was SCHICKEDANZ. [] corrected the writer by saying, "No, GOFF is the older man and SCHICKEDANZ is the younger man." When [] was asked if he knew where these individuals could be found, he stated that he did not except that LOHBECK lives in Detroit and that they were traveling around the country and that our organization (F. B. I.) would have no trouble locating them; in fact, he said he knew they would be glad to appear at any time the United States Attorney indicated he wanted them. [] when asked if he knew where these men lived while in Washington, D. C., stated that the three men occupied [] apartment at [], for approximately one week from July 30 to August 4, 1947; that hotel space could not be obtained and he and his wife were able to live with friends and let the men occupy their apartment. In answer to the question, "Did you know about the signs being placed on the Soviet Embassy grounds?", he said he did not know about the signs until he read about it and saw pictures of them in the newspapers. [] requested the Agents to spell out their names as well as the name of the United States Attorney. [] also advised that he had just returned from a six-week tour of Minnesota and Wisconsin, having left Washington about August 5th. It was apparent to the interviewing Agents that [] was nervous and his answers appeared studied.

The indices of the Washington Field Office were checked with negative results on FORREST SCHICKEDANZ.

In view of the identification by [], the following are descriptions of the subjects. It is to be noted that in the referenced report by the writer, KENNETH GOFF's description should be that of FORREST SCHICKEDANZ and the following are the correct descriptions:

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| Name: | FORREST SCHICKEDANZ |
| Age: | 29 to 30 |
| Height: | Over 6' |
| Weight: | 165 |
| Hair: | Brown, curly |
| Occupations: | National Director, Christian Youth of America |
| Former Residence: | Denver, Colorado |

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Name:
Age:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Build:

Reverend KENNETH GOFF
Late 40's or early 50's
5' 10"
170 to 180
Gray, bald
Stocky

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THE DETROIT DIVISION:

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Will ascertain the identity of the occupants of 3940 McClellan Street, which was the address given by DON LOHBECK, KEN GOFF and F. SCHICKEDANZ in Philadelphia on July 28, 1947.

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Will also have identified the persons appearing in the photographs forwarded with referenced report.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Washington, D. C.

Will recontact the United States Attorney for such further investigation as he may direct.

United States Department of Justice

OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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September 15, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Division
Room 1706
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: Guy Hottel
Special Agent in Charge

Donald A. Lohbeck
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Re: Donald A. Lohbeck, wa Reverend Kenneth Goff
Unknown Subject Internal Security - X
Your ref. HHF:dmh 105-412

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of September 12th enclosing
an additional photograph which shows a heretofore unidentified
party placing one of the placards at the Russian embassy.

Very truly yours,

George Morris Fay

GEORGE MORRIS FAY
United States Attorney

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Washington Field Division, Room 1706
Washington, D. C.
September 12, 1947

Honorable George M. Fay
United States Attorney
Washington, D. C.

Att: Charles B. Murray
Assistant U. S. Attorney

RE: DONALD A. LOHBECK, wa
REVEREND KENNETH GOFF
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a new photograph which shows the third individual with a hammer in his hand and the other two individuals nailing a sign to a tree. On the photograph previously furnished you the third individual was cut off from view.

Very truly yours,

Enc. *g. H. H. H.*

GUY HOTTEL *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI

September 19, 1947

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DONALD A. LOHBECK, wa Stephen Goodyear;
Reverend KENNETH GOFF;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
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On September 17, 1947, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed, at the request of the United States Attorney, [redacted] at their home, [redacted] in connection with the subjects who placed signs in front of the Soviet Embassy on the morning of July 31, 1947.

A prior review of the files of the Washington Field Office reflected that [redacted] in 1945 were the Washington contacts of GERALD L. K. SMITH. The files further reflected a person using the name of [redacted] of the Goodyear Sales Company, 1921 M Street, N. E., arranged for the rental of the Pan-American Room of the Statler Hotel on August 4, 1947, for a closed meeting of approximately one-hundred and fifty persons — followers of GERALD L. K. SMITH. The telephone number of [redacted] was [redacted]. The 1947 Washington Telephone Directory lists [redacted] to [redacted], [redacted].

The purpose of the interviewing Agents' visit to [redacted] was to ascertain from them the extent of their knowledge and participation in the July 31st incident at the USSR Embassy and to attempt to identify the subjects involved.

Upon arrival at the apartment of [redacted], the Agents identified themselves and explained the nature of their visit which was at the request of the United States Attorney, Mr. GEORGE M. FAY. [redacted] requested that the Agents spell out their names as well as the name of the United States Attorney and stated that he was in charge of [redacted].

The Agents exhibited pictures obtained from witnesses to [redacted] and [redacted] identified the three men by saying, "This person I know as DON LOHBECK, this one as KEN GOFF, and this one as FORREST SCHICKEDANZ." When the Agents asked if GOFF were SCHICKEDANZ, he said no and explained that GOFF was an older man, SCHICKEDANZ was a younger man. At this point [redacted] said that the Truman Administration was going to lose a lot of votes by helping Uncle Joe's boys. The Agents stated that they

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had no political interest in the case. Interviewing Agents then asked if he knew the whereabouts of the subjects and he stated he knew that DON LOHBECK lived in Detroit but that they were all traveling around the country and that our organization (F. B. I.) should have no trouble locating them. He further stated that he knew they would be glad to appear at any time the United States Attorney indicated he wanted them. [redacted] admitted that the three men occupied their apartment at [redacted], for approximately one week from July 30 to August 4, 1947, explaining that hotel space could not be obtained and that he and his wife lived with friends during their stay. When questioned as to his knowledge of the signs, he stated he did not know about them until he had read the newspapers. At this point [redacted] said, "What about the British Embassy's being picketed -- Are you going to prosecute these individuals?" Interviewing Agents replied that the matter of prosecution would be solely within the province of the United States Attorney. [redacted] stated that he had just come back from a six-week tour of the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, having left Washington, D. C., about August 5th.

It is to be noted that [redacted] appeared nervous, their answers studied, and their attempts to draw out the interviewing Agents indicated to the Agents that they were withholding much more information. It was also the impression of the interviewing Agents that [redacted] left Washington with the subjects and had been touring the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin with them; and further, was in constant communication with GERALD L. K. SMITH. It was also apparent to the Agents that [redacted] and their associates would make the most of the political implications involved.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: September 19, 1947

FROM : SAC, Springfield

SUBJECT: REVEREND KENNETH A. GOFF;
 DONALD A. LOHBECK, wa.
 INTERNAL SECURITY - X.
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Reference is made to your letter of September 9, 1947 in the above-captioned matter.

1946 and 1947 Illinois license 7394 was issued to [redacted], for 1941 Pontiac sedan, motor #6-780,807, serial #6JC3631. No stolen car or tag report was on file in the Motor Registration Division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

On May 6, 1942 the Springfield Office received, from a confidential source, a list of the Young Communist League members in the St. Louis, Missouri area, which list was furnished to the St. Louis Office, and on which appeared the names DON LOHBECK and [redacted], 3824 Juanita Street, as being members of this organization.

The files of the Springfield Office reflect that the St. Louis Office has a case entitled "DONALD ALVIN LOHBECK, was, Donald G. Lohbeck, Don Lohbeck, Don G. Lohbeck, Don Alvin Lohbeck - SELECTIVE SERVICE - CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR", St. Louis file 25-2026. The Springfield file in this case reflects that LOHBECK was referred a second time to the St. Louis Office for investigation as an alleged conscientious objector. He was registered with Local Board 13, St. Louis, Missouri, and in his Selective Service Questionnaire, dated October 10, 1941, he indicated that he was opposed to combat military service.

In DSS Form 47, the registrant in describing the basis for his belief stated that he believed his responsibility to his fellow men would not allow him to take a life, and that he objected to combat military service because he has learned to hate wars from a study of the economic factors of previous wars and from a knowledge of Senate Committee reports, which investigated the last World War. He stated he had always been an organizer in peace action committees. He did not claim any religious beliefs or membership in any religious denomination.

In an affidavit made to his local board February 14, 1944, setting forth the basis for his second appeal, the registrant furnished the

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following information as reasons for his change or beliefs: "Today the situation is changed. Military organizations are bringing about a systematic destruction of cities and civilians. This causes me to reconsider my feelings and I do not believe that I could justly become a part of such destruction".

The Springfield file has no further information relative to DONALD ALVIN LOHBECK. RUC.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 8, 1947

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

REVEREND KENNETH A. GOFF;
DONALD A. LOHBECK, was;
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Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Washington, D. C., has advised that the above individuals, identified as participating in the placing of signs on the Soviet Embassy premises on July 31, 1947, should be interviewed and statements obtained from them before presenting to the Grand Jury here for indictment.

The Detroit Office in reports of SA [redacted] dated September 13 and 19, 1947, was furnished all information and requested to ascertain present whereabouts of the individuals. The Detroit Office is further requested to interview and obtain statements from these individuals and in the event they are not located there, to initiate leads to the appropriate field office.

One of the witnesses has indicated that the GERALD L. K. SMITH headquarters in Detroit knows the whereabouts of these individuals at all times.

This matter should be given expeditious attention since the U. S. Attorney has indicated his desire for an early presentment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington, D. C.

DATE: October 8, 1947

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: REVEREND KENNETH GOFF
DONALD LOHBECK
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated July 4, 1945, Denver, Colorado, captioned Kenneth Goff; Christian Youth for America.

It is desired that this report be furnished to the United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., for his additional assistance in connection with this matter.

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Washington Field Office, Room 1706

Washington, D. C.

October 14, 1947

Mr. Charles Murray
Assistant U. S. Attorney
Courthouse
5th and Indiana Avenue
Washington, D. C.

RE: REVEREND KENNETH GOFF;
DONALD LOHBECK
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated July 4, 1945, at Denver, Colorado, captioned
"KENNETH GOFF; CHRISTIAN YOUTH FOR AMERICA".

This report is being forwarded you for your additional
assistance in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice

OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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October 15, 1947

Mr. Guy Hottel
Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Re: Reverend Kenneth Goff; ✓
Donald Lohbeck ✓

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of October 14, 1947,
enclosing the report of Agent [redacted], Denver,
Colorado, File 105-123, compiling information heretofore
obtained by the Denver office regarding Reverend Kenneth
Goff, who with others is under investigation for the
unlawful placing of placards in front of the Russian
Embassy last July.

I thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

George Morris Fay *cm*

GEORGE MORRIS FAY,
United States Attorney



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at WASHINGTON FIELD DE File No. 105-234

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| Report made at | Date when made | Period | Report made by |
| DETROIT, MICHIGAN | 10/14/47 | 10/3,13/47 | [redacted] MMA |
| Title | | | Character of case |
| CHANGED: DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ | | | INTERNAL SECURITY - X |

Synopsis of facts: DONALD A. LOHBECK gave statement admitting participation of all Subjects in placing placards on grounds of Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., on July 31, 1947. Reverend GOFF at Box 902, Delavan, Wisconsin. Address of SCHICKEDANZ unknown to LOHBECK.

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REFERENCE: Reports of SA [redacted], Washington Field, September 13 and 19, 1947.

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

The title of this report is being marked changed to delete the name of [redacted] which has been previously shown as an alias for Subject DONALD A. LOHBECK. Mr. LOHBECK advised that there is a person by the name of [redacted] who is a member of the Christian Nationalists organization and who had made some arrangements while in Washington, D. C., in July, 1947, and that this possibly caused some confusion, but that he, Mr. LOHBECK, had never used the name of [redacted].

It was determined that the address of 3940 McClellan Avenue, Detroit, is an apartment building, an apartment in which is occupied by the Subject DONALD A. LOHBECK.

In accordance with the request made in referenced letter, Mr. LOHBECK was interviewed on October 13, 1947, at the Detroit Headquarters of the

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Christian Nationalists located at 10605 Mack Avenue, Detroit. Mr. LOHBECK readily admitted participation of all of the Subjects in the demonstration on the property of the USSR Embassy in Washington, D. C., on July 31, 1947. LOHBECK stated that Subject FORREST SCHICKEDANZ took no active part in the placing of the signs on the property of the Soviet Embassy, but that he acted more as an observer. The automobile of Mr. SCHICKEDANZ was used in taking the Subjects to and from the Embassy. Subject LOHBECK identified the photograph showing three men tacking a poster on a tree, the poster reading "Closed, Rat Infested". LOHBECK stated that the man with his back to the camera, wearing a straw hat, a dark suit and glasses, is Reverend KENNETH GOFF, whose address is Box 902, Delavan, Wisconsin. The person holding the hammer with his left hand upon the sign is DONALD A. LOHBECK. The person to the extreme right of the picture, who is not fully shown, was identified by Mr. LOHBECK as FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, whose home address was not known to Mr. LOHBECK, but who is believed to be well known by Reverend GOFF and whose address can probably be secured from Reverend GOFF.

Mr. LOHBECK stated that the demonstration had not been previously planned prior to the arrival in Washington, D. C., but that it was somewhat of a spontaneous affair, planned after they had observed the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. LOHBECK stated that the Subjects had considered the possibility of prosecution and that they will demand a jury trial. LOHBECK stated, "It is not possible to bring odium upon the Russian Government, as, like rats, they carry their own odium with them".

The following is the statement taken from Mr. LOHBECK:

"Detroit, Michigan
October 13, 1947

"I, DON LOHBECK, voluntarily make this statement to [] and [] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats, promises, duress or promises of reward have been made to induce me to make this statement and I understand that it may be used against me in court.

"On July 31, 1947, Reverend KENNETH GOFF, FORREST SCHICKEDANZ and I posted on the lawn and building of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., certain placards and signs with the intention of drawing the eyes of the American people upon what we believed to be a center of foreign agents, pledged to overthrow the American government.

"The signs were made for us by the Capitol Sign Co. in Washington, D. C., this company was under the impression that it was for some theatrical doing. The subject matter on the signs was composed by me. The car used to go to the Embassy was owned by FORREST SCHICKEDANZ.

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"I have read the statement consisting of two pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ DON LOHBECK

WITNESSES

[redacted], Special Agt., FBI, Detroit
[redacted], Special Agent, FBI, Detroit"

For the information of the Milwaukee Division, the Subjects on July 31, 1947, placed signs on the USSR Embassy in Washington which read as follows: "For Sale, Owners Leaving Soon; Closed, Rat Infested; Murder, Inc.; Beware, Spies Working".

A complaint was filed by the Soviet Embassy with the State Department, which in turn referred the matter to the Attorney General. The Secretary of State in a note to the Attorney General urges that prompt steps be taken to investigate the matter and punish the persons responsible for the action. A memorandum from the State Department pointed out that it was believed a violation of Title 22, Section 255A of the USC, which statute provides substantially that, "It shall be unlawful to display any flag, banner, placard or device, designed or adapted to intimidate, coerce or bring into public odium any foreign Government, party or organization or any officer or officers thereof, or to bring into public disrepute political, social or economical acts used for purposes of any foreign Government."

ENCLOSURES

TO THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

1 set of 7 photographs of the incident occurring July 31, 1947.

TO WASHINGTON FIELD:

Signed statement taken from DONALD A. LOHBECK by SAs [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] and dated October 13, 1947.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Delavan, Wisconsin:

Will interview Reverend KENNETH GOFF regarding the incident of July 31, 1947, and will secure from him a statement.

Will secure from Reverend GOFF the address of FORREST SCHICKEDANZ and set out an appropriate lead that SCHICKEDANZ may be interviewed and his statement taken.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.:

Will contact the Capitol Sign Company for the purpose of verifying the fact that the signs were obtained from the above company by LOHBECK. Will also request this company to maintain any order, receipt or other evidence of this transaction.

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Director, FBI

October 14, 1947

SAC, Detroit

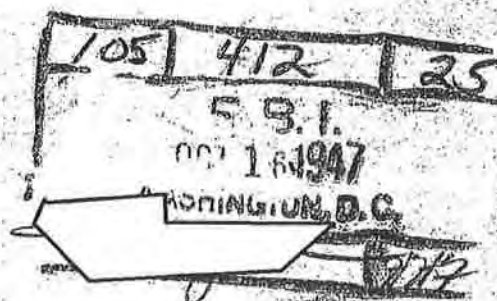
100-12195* DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

In the attached report of SA [redacted] dated October 14, 1947, there is contained a statement given by Subject DONALD A. LOHBECK regarding the incident on the Soviet Embassy premises on July 31, 1947.

An appropriate lead has been set out for the Milwaukee Division to interview Reverend KENNETH GOFF, securing the statement requested and also to secure the home address of the Subject FORREST SCHICKEDANZ.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington

DATE: October 24, 1947

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X*105-412-2*
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There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of "The Pilgrim Torch", edited by Kenneth Goff, Englewood, Colorado, August-September, 1947. It is desired that this publication, which reflects admission by Goff that he and Lohbeck placed the various signs on the Russian Embassy, be furnished to United States Attorney Fay, Washington, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: October 28, 1947

FROM : HUBERT H. FINZEL, SPECIAL AGENT

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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The Milwaukee Office was requested to expedite the lead to interview Reverend GOFF and FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, which lead was set forth in Milwaukee report on the above-entitled subjects dated October 14, 1947, by Special Agent [redacted].

The U. S. Attorney, Washington, D. C. is anxious to obtain signed statements from these individuals so that an indictment may be returned to him.

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Washington Field Office, Room 1706

Washington, D. C.

October 28, 1947

Honorable George Morris Fay
U. S. Attorney
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fay:

I am enclosing herewith a photostatic copy of "The Pilgrim Torch", edited by Reverend KENNETH GOFF, Englewood, Colorado, on August 9, 1947.

This publication reflects admission by GOFF that he and LOHMECK placed the various signs on the Russian Embassy grounds, and is being furnished for your information.

Enclosure *sent*

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 24, 1947

SAC, MILWAUKEE

DONALD A. LOHMEYER
REV. KENNETH GOFF
FORREST SCHICKELDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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A copy of the report of SA [redacted] dated October 14, 1947 in the above captioned matter at Detroit, Michigan is being submitted herewith to the Denver Office together with one set of seven photographs of the incident in question occurring July 31, 1947 which photographs were sent to the Milwaukee Office by the Detroit Office.

The lead for this office to interview Subject Rev. KENNETH GOFF could not be covered because Rev. KENNETH GOFF is not at Delavan, Wisconsin at the present time. It was learned through [redacted] of [redacted] at Delavan, Wisconsin that Rev. KENNETH GOFF is presently residing at Englewood, Colorado where he receives mail at Post Office Box 116.

According to [redacted], Rev. GOFF is expected to remain at Englewood, Colorado for the winter. Accordingly, the Denver Office is requested to cover the leads set out for the Milwaukee Office and to give this matter expeditious attention as requested by the United States Attorney's Office at Washington, D.C.

For the information of the Denver Office, Rev. KENNETH GOFF was formerly a member of the Communist Party in Wisconsin and held various executive offices but severed relations with the Party in 1938 because of differences with it. He has appeared before the Dies Committee and has given testimony against the Communist Party and more recently has been a Government witness in the perjury case of [redacted] in Washington, D.C. Rev. GOFF is presently devoting his time to the program promoted by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

It has been reported that GOFF has a tendency to use any situation he can to promote his personal publicity and, accordingly, the utmost discretion must be employed in interviewing him.

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CC: WASHINGTON FIELD
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD**

FILE NO. **105-125**

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| REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO | DATE WHEN MADE 10/29/47 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/27/47 | REPORT MADE BY ABJ |
| TITLE *CHANGED* DONALD A. LONBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF, wa Kenneth O. Goff; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - I b6 b7C |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

KENNETH O. GOFF gave statement admitting participation of LONBECK and himself in placing placards on grounds of Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., on 7/31/47. SCHICKEDANZ can be located at 505 Garfield, Bartonville, Illinois.

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted], Washington Field, 9/15 & 19/47
Report of SA [redacted], Detroit, 10/14/47
Milwaukee letter to Director dated October 24, 1947, cc-Denver

DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked changed to include the name KENNETH O. GOFF which reflects the middle initial of GOFF.

AT ENGLEWOOD, COLO.

GOFF was located at the offices of the Englewood Tabernacle and was interviewed at 11:45 a.m., October 27, 1947, by SA [redacted] and the writer, at which time he advised SCHICKEDANZ can be located at 505 Garfield, Bartonville, Illinois.

GOFF readily admitted his participation in the placing of signs and placards on the trees and grounds of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., on July 31, 1947. GOFF dictated the following statement which the writer wrote in longhand and which GOFF signed:

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"Englewood Colo.
Oct. 27 1947

"I, Kenneth O. Geff make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were made to me to make this statement. I understand this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

"I was in Wash. D. C. during the week ending August 3, 1947. In the early part of the week I had occasion to pass the so-called Soviet Embassy located at 1125 Sixteenth Street N.W. I noticed going in and out of the building persons who I have been acquainted with while a member of the Communist Party. This and other events which are embodied in my statement were the reasons for my going with Don Lohbeck to the building located at 1125 Sixteenth St. N.W. and placing on the lawn and trees the signs bearing the inscriptions, 'For Sale, Owners Leaving Soon,' 'Closed, Rat Infested,' 'Murder, Inc.' 'Beware of Spies at Work.' Only Lohbeck and I participated in placing these signs described above. These signs were placed on or about July 31, 1947, at approximately nine thirty in the morning.

"I deny that the building located at 1125 Sixteenth St. N.W. is an Embassy. It is the criminal headquarters of international anti-Christian plotters. My gesture in demonstrating before that building on the morning of July 31, 1947 represented a desperate attempt on my part to call the attention of the American people to the terrible crisis we face. At that time and now I consider a harmless demonstration such as I carried on an educational project which if taken seriously might save America from being victimized by the International Comintern.

"I have read this statement consisting of two pages, and it is true. I have initialed all corrections and signed both pages.

/s/ Kenneth O. Geff

"Witnessed:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI Denver 10/27/47

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Denver 10/27/47"

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GOFF was asked to identify the three individuals appearing in a photograph supplied this office by the Milwaukee Division showing one man holding a hammer and leaning against a sign marked, "Closed, Rat Infested," whom he identified as DON LOHBECK; another man leaning against the sign with a straw hat, blond hair, dark suit and glasses, whom he identified as himself; and another man of whom a portion of his face and body is shown in the picture. GOFF stated that he was not positive whether this individual was FORREST SCHICKEDANZ or a newspaper reporter. GOFF stated that LOHBECK and he drove out to the Soviet Embassy in an automobile owned and driven by FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, but that SCHICKEDANZ did not know the purpose of the trip and he was quite positive that SCHICKEDANZ did not leave the automobile.

It is to be noted in the referenced report of SA [] that DON LOHBECK identified this third person as FORREST SCHICKEDANZ.

For the information of the Springfield Division, the subjects on July 31, 1947, placed signs on the USSR Embassy in Washington which read as follows: "For Sale, Owners Leaving Soon;" "Closed, Rat Infested;" "Murder, Inc.;" and "Beware, Spies Working."

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The following description of GOFF was obtained by observation and interview:

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| Address: | 8406 South Bryant, Englewood, Colo. |
| Born: | September 19, 1914, Darles, Wisconsin |
| Height: | 5' 7" |
| Weight: | 140 lbs. |
| Eyes: | Blue |
| Hair: | Blonde - straw - parted right side |

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| Peculiarities: | Right leg missing - wears wooden leg |
| Complexion: | Light |
| Occupation: | Minister |

ENCLOSURES: TO THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION - One set of seven photographs of the incident occurring July 31, 1947. (These photographs were made by various newspaper photographers in Washington, D.C.)

TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD - Signed statement taken from KENNETH O. GOFF by SA [redacted] and the writer dated October 27, 1947.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT BARTONVILLE, ILLINOIS

Will interview FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, 306 Garfield, regarding the incident of July 31, 1947, and will secure from him a statement. It is to be noted that DON LOHBECK signed a statement in Detroit admitting his participation in the incident.

Director, FBI

October 29, 1947

SAC, Denver

DONALD A. LOHBECK,
REVEREND KENNETH GOFF, wa Kenneth O. Goff;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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There are enclosed copies of the report of SA [redacted]
dated October 29, 1947, in the above-captioned matter.

It is to be noted that KENNETH O. GOFF, who is closely aligned with GERALD L. K. SMITH, [redacted], and HARVEY SPRINGER, all three individuals being subjects of considerable criticism by the Communist Party as alleged Fascists and extreme Nationalists, is expecting to be a witness in the perjury case of [redacted] in Washington, D. C. GOFF has, within the past two years, secured considerable publicity in Denver concerning his controversies with the Communist Party. On one occasion, GOFF was fined in the Police Court at Denver, Colorado, for the instigation of setting off stink bombs in a Communist Party meeting. On another occasion, when GERALD L. K. SMITH was speaking in Denver, at which time members of the Communist Party and other groups picketed the meeting, GOFF secured considerable newspaper publicity for his attacks on the Communist Party.

GOFF has appeared at the Denver Office on one occasion to report Communist Party activities. The information was received and noted; however, because of his flare for publicity, he has never been recontacted by Agents of this office.

It is further to be noted that FORREST SCHICKEDANZ is a singer who for three or four years sang in HARVEY SPRINGER's Tabernacle in Englewood, Colorado. SCHICKEDANZ at the present time is supposed to be singing at various Evangelist meetings in the Midwest, and the only address available is listed in the enclosed report.

The Springfield Office should use discretion in its interview with SCHICKEDANZ because he is known to be extremely publicity-minded and might use any situation to promote his personal publicity.

Enclosure

cc - Washington Field (Enc.)
cc - Springfield (Enc.)

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Washington Field Office
Washington, D. C.
November 3, 1947

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: DONALD LOEBBECK;
KENNETH GOFF;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ -
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Dear Sir:

Mr. CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he will present instant case to the Grand Jury early next week and have indictments returned against the above subjects.

Denver is requested to expedite leads pending in their office.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Denver (AIR MAIL)

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105-412-32

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 6, 1947

TO : SAC, Washington Field

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X
(Your file 105-412)

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You will find attached hereto a copy of the publication "The Cross and The Flag" for October, 1947. Of possible value to you in the above entitled matter is an article appearing on page 3 written by Mr. DON LOHBECK entitled "We Visit the Soviet Embassy."

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Attachment

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3 Indicted in Picketing Of Russian Embassy Before Smith's Rally

Three men were indicted by the District grand jury today on a charge of picketing the Russian Embassy here last July.

The indictment accuses them of displaying placards and signs within 500 feet of the Embassy "designed and adopted to bring the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics into public odium and disrepute." It further charges them with picketing without a permit from the Metropolitan Police Department.

Named were Donald A. Lohbeck, 30, of Detroit; the Rev. Kenneth O. Goff, 29, of Englewood, Colo., and Forrest Schickedanz, 49, of Bartonville, Ill.

Izvestia, Soviet government newspaper, commented after the incident that "even if a trial takes place, in the present situation they will get off with really no punishment."

The incident occurred a few days before Gerald L. K. Smith was scheduled to speak at the Monument Grounds last July. Lohbeck at the time identified himself as editor of the Cross and Flag magazine, organ of Christian Youth for America, and said the signs were "incidental advertising" for the speech.

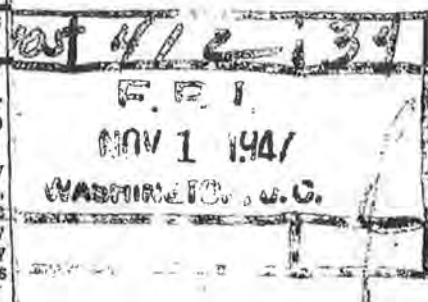
Posters Quickly Torn Down.

Members of the embassy staff quickly tore down the posters and Michael S. Vavilov, first secretary, described the incidents as the "effort of a well known fascist organization" to damage American-Soviet relations.

The placards carried such signs as "Closed, Rat Infested," "Murder, Inc." and "For Sale—Owner Leaving Soon."

The offense is a misdemeanor and the maximum penalty is 60 days in jail and a \$100 fine.

At first the Soviet Embassy asked that no action be taken, but later sent a note to the State Department. The matter finally reached United States Attorney George Morris Fay several weeks later.



Quinn Star Newspaper
11/17/47

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SAC, Cincinnati

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SAC, Springfield

DONALD A. LOEBCK;
REVEREND KENNETH GOFF, alias Kenneth O. Goff;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Recept SA [redacted] 10-29-47, Denver, and Denver
letter to the Director dated 10-29-47, copies of which are
enclosed.

[redacted] of subject SCHICKEDANZ, advised that SCHICKEDANZ is presently touring with [redacted] through the central section of Ohio and can be reached care of General Delivery, Springfield, Ohio. She further advised that the last information she had was that they would be in this vicinity until approximately Christmas of this year.

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It is suggested that Cincinnati attempt to contact SCHICKEDANZ and question him regarding the incident of July 31, 1947.

Since there is no further logical investigation in the Springfield territory, this case is here by considered RUC.

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cc Washington Field

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FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 11-21-47 3-55 PM KK
DIRECTOR AND SACS CINCINNATI, DETROIT, DENVER
DONALD A. LOHBECK, ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY - X. INDICTMENT RETURNED
NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST BY D. C. GRAND JURY CHARGING SUBJECTS LOHBECK,
GOFF AND SCHICKEDANZ WITH HAVING DISPLAYED WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF
PREMISES OCCUPIED BY USSR AS AN EMBASSY, CERTAIN DESIGNATED SIGNS
ADAPTED TO BRING THE USSR INTO PUBLIC ODIUM AND DISREPUTE, NOT HAVING
OBTAINED ANY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN VIOLATION OF SECTION TWO FIVE FIVE A, TITLE
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ED BY USA, WASHINGTON, D. C. TO U. S. ATTORNEYS IN RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS
WHERE SUBJECTS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN ORDER THAT SUBJECTS MIGHT BE TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY BY USM. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
BY BUREAU OFFICES REGARDING EFFECTING APPREHENSION OF SUBJECTS, IN
THE ABSENCE OF ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY FROM THE
BUREAU. THE CINCINNATI OFFICE SHOULD CONFINE ACTIVITY IN REGARD TO
LEAD SET OUT IN LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST TO
DETERMINING PRESENT ADDRESS OF SUBJECT SCHICKEDANZ AND HE SHOULD NOT
BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL SO INSTRUCTED. WFO SHOULD BE
ADVISED WHEN DEFINITE ADDRESS FOR SCHICKEDANZ IS ASCERTAINED.

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BUREAU AND OTHER STATIONS ADVISED

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: November 22, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED], SPECIAL AGENT

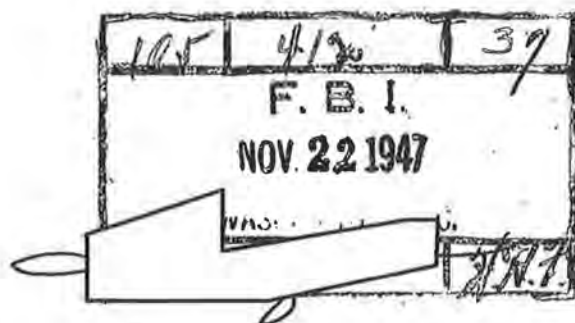
SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On November 18, 1947, the indictment returned against subjects was discussed by the writer with Inspector [REDACTED] of the Bureau, who advised that no action should be taken in regard to advising other offices as to the apprehension of the subjects until further advised by the Bureau.

On November 21, 1947, this matter was again discussed with Inspector [REDACTED] in view of a letter directed by the Springfield Office to the Cincinnati Office suggesting that subject SCHICKEDANZ be located and interviewed by the Cincinnati Office. Upon advice of Inspector [REDACTED], a teletype was directed to the Detroit, Denver and Cincinnati offices advising that no steps should be taken to effect the apprehension of the subjects, and also instructing the Cincinnati Office to confine inquiry to determining the specific address of SCHICKEDANZ and to refrain from contacting him unless so advised.

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DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term.

October Term, 1947.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs.

DONALD A. LEBACK,
KENNETH O. GOFF,
FOREST SCHNEIDER.

Criminal

G. J. M. Org'l.

Violation of Section 238a, Title 22,
United States Code.

The Grand Jury charges:

On or about July 31, 1947, Donald A. Leback, Kenneth O. Goff,
and Forest Schneiders displayed within five hundred feet of the building
and grounds within the District of Columbia used and occupied by the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its representatives as an embassy,
placards and signs reading substantially: "Closed But Infected"; "For Sale
Owners leaving soon"; "Owners Spies Working"; and "Murder Incorporated";
designed and adapted to bring the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and
its political, social and economic aims and purposes into public notice
and dispute, not by or in accordance with any permit issued by the
Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia.

Attorney of the United States in
and for the District of Columbia.

A TRUE BILL:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: November 25, 1947

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Reurtel November 21, 1947.

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Subject FORREST SCHICKEDANZ voluntarily appeared at the Columbus, Ohio Resident Agency November 24, 1947 and stated he had received a letter from his family at Bartonville, Illinois, which is a suburb of Peoria, Illinois, advising that two FBI Agents had been there looking for him. SCHICKEDANZ stated that 306 Garfield, Bartonville, Illinois, is his home address.

SCHICKEDANZ stated that he is a revival singer working with [redacted] and that he will be at Newark, Ohio at the First Methodist Church, conducting a revival meeting for the coming three weeks.

He also stated that his family had sent him a newspaper clipping showing that he had been indicted in Washington, D. C. on a charge of picketing without a license.

He was interested in knowing why the FBI was seeking him. He was given no information. RUC.

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AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Advised Mr. Harty
asst US Atty
11/26/47

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: December 9, 1947

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK, ET AL *also 100-12195**
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

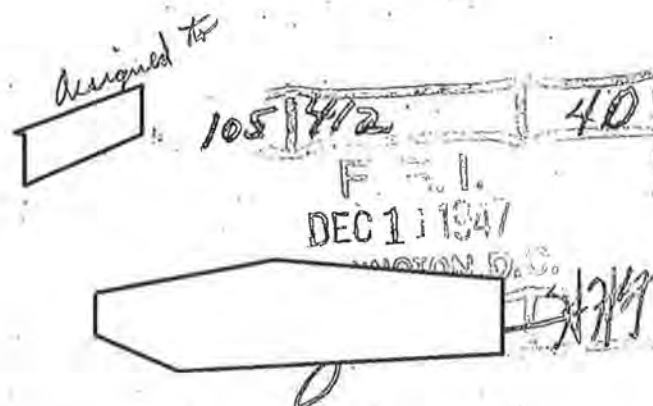
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Re mylet November 25, 1947.

On December 5, 1947 at 9:35 PM, FORREST SCHICKEDANZ was lodged in the Columbus City Jail by Deputy Marshal [redacted], Zanesville, Ohio on the basis of a complaint issued by U. S. Commissioner WEBER, address unknown, charging violation of Section 255 (a), Title 22, U. S. Code.

No action being taken by this office and above furnished for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

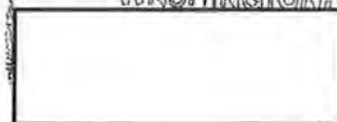
DATE: December 11, 1947

FROM : SAC, DENVER

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK;
REVEREND KENNETH GOFF;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
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There are enclosed herewith two newspaper clippings which appeared in Denver newspapers concerning KENNETH O. GOFF, subject of instant investigation.

In view of the comments made by GOFF to the newspapers concerning his intention to secure a considerable amount of publicity in the case, it is suggested that the enclosed clippings be given to the local United States Attorney in Washington, D. C.

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ENCLOSURES (2)del. US Atty. 12/17/47
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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FBI WASH FIELD 12/17/47 11:45 AM

DIRECTOR URGENT

DONALD A. LOHBECK, ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY X. WILLIAM HITZ, ASSISTANT
USA, WASH DC, ADVISED THAT SUBJECTS INDICTED FOR PICKETING SOVIET EMBASSY
AND MEMBERS OF GERALD L. K. SMITH'S ORGANIZATION WILL BE ARRAIGNED BEFORE
JUSTICE DAVID PINE, DISTRICT COURT OF THE U. S., FOR THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, AT TEN A.M., JANUARY NINE, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. MR. HITZ
FURTHER STATED THE TEN HOLLYWOOD WRITERS INDICTED FOR CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS
WOULD ALSO BE ARRAIGNED AT SAME TIME, SAME DATE, AND IN SAME COURTROOM.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: December 17, 1947

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK, with aliases, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - X
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Enclosed herewith please find an undated form letter on the stationery of The Cross and the Flag, publication of the Christian Nationalists, reporting the arrest of DON LOHBECK, KENNETH GOFF and [redacted], along with a flash sheet showing LOHBECK leaving the grounds of the Russian Embassy.

This is being furnished to you as it is of possible evidentiary value in connection with the pending case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO.

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| REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C. | DATE WHEN MADE 12/31/47 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/28-12/17/47 | REPORT MADE BY [redacted] mjm |
| TITLE DONALD A. LUMBROCK; KENNETH O. GOFF; FOREST SCHICKELDANZ | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] of the Capitol Sign Shop identified signs he made for subjects; will be available to testify and identify the four men who ordered them. Indictment returned November 17, 1947, by D. C. Grand Jury charging subjects with having displayed within five-hundred feet of premises occupied by U.S.S.R. Embassy, certain designated signs adapted to bring the U.S.S.R. into public odium and disrepute in violation of Section 255a, Title 22, USC. Arraignment set for 10:00 A. M., January 9, 1948, before Justice DAVID PINE, District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia. Detroit Office advised subjects circulating adherence to GEORGE L. K. SMITH for defense funds.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 27, 1947, at Denver, Colorado.
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 14, 1947, at Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS: At Washington, D. C.

On November 12, 1947, [redacted] appeared before the Washington Grand Jury in instant case.

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[redacted], Capitol Sign Shop, 629 Fourteenth Street, N. W., was interviewed and he stated that some time in July 1947, four men

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">105 412 45</div> |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Bureau 1 - USA, Washington, D. C. (enclosure) 1 - Cincinnati (information) 1 - Denver (105-123) 1 - Detroit (105-234) 1 - Springfield (105-90) 1 - Washington field (1) - 100-12125 (1) - 100-8186 </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> <p>1 copy sent to [redacted] 1-20-48</p> </div> </div> | |

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came into his office and ordered four signs, black lettering on white background, stating that the signs were to be used for a publicity stunt. The men would not give their names and [redacted] stated he kept no record of the transaction. The four signs, approximately twenty-two by twenty-eight inches, were identified by [redacted] as being the signs placed by the subjects on July 31, 1947, on the premises of the U.S.S.R. Embassy. The signs were picked up the day after being ordered by a young man who seemed to be the leader and who, according to [redacted]'s description, was believed to be [redacted]. It is [redacted] recollection that he charged ten dollars for the lot which were paid for in cash. [redacted] indicated he would be available to testify and believes he can identify the four men who ordered the signs from him.

From the copy of the publication entitled, "The Cross and the Flag, Volume VI, dated October 1947 No. 5", founded by [redacted] L. S. [redacted], on Page Three and Page Four, is an article entitled, "I Visited The Soviet Embassy" by [redacted] LOMBECK. In this article, LOMBECK states, "On Thursday morning July 31, 1947, along with [redacted] COFF, Director of Christian Youth For America, and others, I posted on the lawn and trees of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., signs that read as follows: 'For Sale Owners Leaving Soon'; 'Beware Spies Working'; 'Murder Incorporated'; and 'Closed Rat Infested'. In this manner did we protest an evil and call attention to a danger. Mr. COFF and I willingly gave our names and affiliations. We were not making a 'sneak attack' -- we were making an open protest (On Page Four, Paragraph eight) "According to the latest dispatches, a U. S. Attorney by the name of FAY is investigating the posting of derogatory signs on the grounds of the Soviet spy headquarters that is called the Soviet Embassy."

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On November 17, 1947, Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM HITTZ stated that the Grand Jury returned a true bill against [redacted] A. LOMBECK, [redacted] O. COFF, [redacted] SCHLESINGER in violation of Section 255A, Title 22, U. S. Code, which indictment charges that on or about July 31, 1947, the aforementioned subjects displayed within five-hundred feet of the building and premises within the District of Columbia, used and occupied by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its representatives as an Embassy, placards and signs reading substantially: "Closed Rat Infested"; "For Sale Owners Leaving Soon"; "Beware Spies Working"; and "Murder Incorporated"; designed and adapted to bring the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its political, social, and economic acts and purposes into public odium and disrepute, not by or in accordance with any permit issued by the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia.

Mr. HITTZ advised that warrants were issued on basis of above indictments and forwarded to the U. S. Attorney in subjects' respective districts.

The Cincinnati Office advised the Washington Field Office that on December 5, 1947, at 9:35 P. M., FREDERICK BURGESS was lodged in the Columbus City Jail by Department Marshal [redacted], Zanesville, Ohio, on the basis of a complaint issued by U. S. Commissioner WELLS, address unknown, charging violation of Section 238A, Title 22, U. S. Code.

On December 17, 1947, Mr. WILLIAM HITEZ, Assistant United States Attorney, stated that the arraignment of the three subjects has been set for 10:00 A. M., January 9, 1948, before Justice DAVID FINE in the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia. Mr. HITEZ further stated that press releases issued by the subjects indicated that they intend to cause much publicity and notoriety in this case. It is also interesting to note that according to Mr. HITEZ, the two Hollywood movie writers, who are being arraigned for contempt of Congress, are being arraigned at the same time and date before the same Judge.

The Detroit Office by letter dated December 17, 1947, furnished form letter on stationery of "The Cross and The Flag" appealing for contributions to the defense fund of the subjects, requesting that the money be sent to the Christian Nationalist Crusade, GERALD L. K. SMITH, Director, Post Office Box 5, Harper Station, Detroit 13, Michigan. According to the letter, the defense fund is to be used for court costs, attorney fees, et cetera. The enclosures received from the Detroit Office are being furnished the United States Attorney with this report.

ENCLOSURES: THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Washington, D. C.

Form letter on stationery of "The Cross and The Flag" appealing for contributions to the defense fund of the subjects.

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LEADS

THE DENVER DIVISION:

At Denver, Colorado:

Will report the taking into custody by the U. S. Marshal,
subject KENNETH J. GIFF.

THE DETROIT DIVISION:

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will report the taking into custody by the U. S. Marshal,
subject DONALD A. LONBECK.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Washington, D. C.

Will continue to follow and report the arraignment and other
activities of the subjects.

DIRECTOR, FBI

January 9, 1948

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DONALD A. LOHBECK, et al
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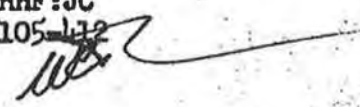
The arraignment of defendants, DONALD A. LOHBECK and KENNETH O. GOFF was held today before Justice PINE, District Court of the U. S. for the District of Columbia and both pleaded not guilty.

Defendant FORREST SCHICKEDANZ was previously arraigned before Justice LAWS and likewise pleaded not guilty.

The trial date has been set for February 23, 1948, before Justice PINE in District Court for the U. S. for the District of Columbia for all three defendants.

Prior to the arraignment of LOHBECK and GOFF, Justice PINE denied their motion that the indictment be dismissed for want of jurisdiction in District Court and held that the court had concurrent jurisdiction with Municipal Court in such misdemeanors.

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Evening Star
1-9-47

Two Deny Picketing Russian Embassy

Two men indicted on charges of illegal picketing of the Russian Embassy last July pleaded not guilty today when arraigned before Justice David A. Pine in District Court.

They are Donald A. Lohbeck, 30, of Detroit, and the Rev. Kenneth O. Goff, 29, of Englewood, Colo.

Their trial was set for February 23, and argument on a motion by their attorney for severance of their cases from that of another man indicted on the same charge was set for next Friday.

Immediately prior to the arraignment of Lohbeck and Goff, Justice Pine had denied their motion that the indictment be dismissed for want of jurisdiction in District Court. He held the court had concurrent jurisdiction with Municipal Court in such misdemeanors.

The third defendant, Forrest Schickedanz, 49, of Bartonville, Ill., was arraigned before Chief Justice Bolitha J. Laws last Friday, and also pleaded not guilty. All three have been permitted to remain free on bond pending trial.

They were accused of illegally displaying placards and signs within 500 feet of the Embassy, "designed and adopted to bring the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics into public odium and disrepute."

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

January 7, 1948

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field

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Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of reports of
Bureau Confidential Informant # [redacted],
at Los Angeles, California, dated as follows:

November 21, 1947,

December 16, 1947, in the case entitled:

Donald A. Hohbein et al
[redacted] et al
NEUTRALITY ACT
Int. Sec. - X
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These reports have been and are being obtained from a strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis of the information contained therein should be made in an extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal the source of the information or the possible identity of the informant. The substance of this material should not be included in an investigative report or made available to unauthorized individuals or outside agencies unless paraphrased in such a way that the identity of the informant and the source of the information will not be disclosed. It is imperative that this procedure be closely followed.

You are instructed to give the contents of these reports consideration and to conduct the appropriate investigation in those instances where you feel the reported material or the reported material along with information already available to your office warrants the same.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington, D. C.

DATE: January 12, 1948

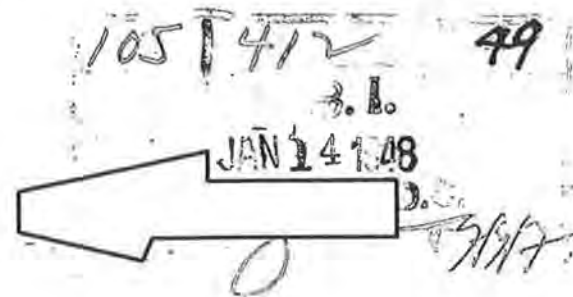
FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: DONALD LOHBECK, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - X
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Enclosed you will find a form letter dated January, 1948,
received by Special Agent [redacted] and mailed on
January 2, 1948, from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The form letter makes
reference to the pending case against the Subjects.

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Enclosure



Enclosure to
US Atty 1-21-47

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

DETROIT FILE NO. **105-234**

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| TITLE DONALD A. LOHBECK; KENNETH O. GOFF; FORREST SCHICKLEDANZ | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject DONALD A. LOHBECK surrendered to United States Marshal, Detroit, December 5, 1947, by his attorney, HAROLD SADOWSKI. LOHBECK released on \$1,000 bond set by United States District Judge ARTHUR F. LEDERLE to appear in Washington, D. C., December 19, 1947. Disposition sheet enclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>, Washington, D. C., December 31, 1947.</p> <p>DETAILS: The records of the United States Marshal's Office, Detroit, Michigan, indicated that subject DONALD A. LOHBECK was surrendered to the United States Marshal at Detroit, Michigan, on December 5, 1947, by his attorney, HAROLD SADOWSKI. The records reflected that LOHBECK was immediately taken before United States District Judge ARTHUR F. LEDERLE and was released on \$1,000 bond to appear in Washington, D. C., on December 19, 1947.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENCLOSURE</u></p> <p>TO THE BUREAU: Disposition sheet for DONALD A. LOHBECK.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p> | | | |
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The Cross and The Flag

DON LOHBECK, Editor

GERALD L. K. SMITH, Publisher

Post Office Box 8
Harper Station
Detroit 13, Michigan

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Dear Christian American Friend:

This is a real, real, real emergency. Plans are on foot to lock the Editor of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG in prison. He and two other young men have been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury.

What For?

On July 31 last Don Lohbeck, Editor of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG, with two other Christian Nationalists, Kenneth Goff, National Director of Christian Youth for America and Editor of THE PILGRIM TORCH, and Forrest Schickedanz, nationally known gospel singer, picketed the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., and planted signs on the lawn accusing it of being a spy center and a plotting center against America. Every well informed student of the Red plot knows this to be the truth. Pictures of the signs and stories of the event appeared everywhere in the United States. The Russian Embassy in Washington, speaking for the Russian Government and Stalin in Moscow, demanded that these young men be imprisoned at once. Of course, if it had happened in Russia they would have been shot.

On Monday, November 17, a Federal Grand Jury indicted the three. If they are convicted they will be sentenced to prison, plus a fine. This must never be if it can possibly be avoided.

The responsibility for hiring the lawyers and meeting the court expenses rests on me and our national committee. We cannot afford it--in fact, we are behind right now on printing bills and operation costs. Will you be one to help protect these young men from this undeserved persecution? Just think! We have developed in this country a situation where a mob of Communists can close a factory or paralyze transportation -- but if three Christian young men picket a spy headquarters of Russian Reds, this administration, under pressure from Stalin, would lock these young men in jail. Do you want this to happen? Of course, you don't.

Please help bear the cost of the defense. Rush the most generous contribution you can afford, using the enclosed coupon and self-addressed envelope, so that we can keep a special

bookkeeping record of the defense fund.

Sincerely yours for a continued fight
against Communist tyranny and in defense
of Christian Americanism,

Gerald L. K. Smith

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Gerald L. K. Smith

P. S. When the long arm of Stalin can reach out from Moscow, and create enough political pressure to force our Government to attempt to imprison three young men for merely an anti-Communist demonstration, then it is time to wake up and fight. God give you and every other American strength to stay true to this crusade.

All who respond to this letter will be kept informed concerning the progress of the trials.

What better Christmas present could be given than to help keep these three young men out of prison, especially in view of the fact that no crime has been committed? Every Christian American should be thankful that this spy propaganda center in Washington has been exposed. All three of these young men are married. Mr. Lohbeck has two children and Mr. Schickedanz one.

Very Important -- For detailed information concerning the deed for which these men have been arrested, read the special article which appeared in the October, 1947 issue of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG.

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Imprison This Christian, *Demands Stalin*

AMERICAN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATES



SIGNS GET RUSSIAN VETO

The Russian Embassy in Washington was a curious looking place the morning of July 31. Signs like "Murder Inc." and "Spies Working" were all over the front yard. They did not stay there long. Even as Don Lohbeck (above,

right), who said he represented the National Christian Youth and Gerald L. K. Smith, walked off the embassy grounds, a flustered first secretary, Michael S. Vavilov (left) rushed outside to take down Lohbeck's handiwork.

The above picture speaks for itself. Three Christian young men, knowing that the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., was being used as a spy-plotting center against the U.S.A., planted signs on the lawn on July 31, 1947, in order that the American people might be warned. Now these three young men are being prosecuted by the Government of the United States under pressure from Josef Stalin in Moscow and an attempt will be made to imprison them. It is the duty of every true Christian American to come to the defense of these crusading Christians.

These young men have no money to defend themselves, and the responsibility for bearing court costs and attorneys fees rests on the Christian Nationalist Crusade. Anyone desiring to contribute may send their donations to the CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE, POST OFFICE BOX 8, HARPER STATION, DETROIT 13, MICHIGAN. Other copies of this picture may be had upon request.

THE ABOVE PICTURE WAS TAKEN FROM LIFE MAGAZINE FOR AUGUST 11, 1947

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: DONALD LOHBECK;
REVEREND KENNETH GOFF, was;
FORREST SCHICKEDANZ;
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

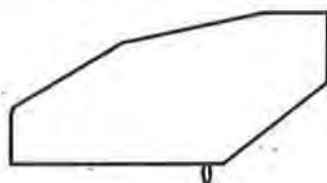
DATE: January 21, 1948

I am enclosing herewith for your information two photostatic copies of a letter from Gerald L. K. Smith addressed to "Dear Christian American Friend". This letter relates to the placing of the signs on the Russian Embassy by the above captioned individuals on July 31, 1947, and a copy of a photograph of two of these individuals placing the signs on the Russian Embassy is attached to the letter from Smith.

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Washington Field Division, Room 1706
January 21, 1948

Honorable George Morris Fay
U. S. Attorney
Washington, D. C.

RE: DONALD LOHBECK, et al

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a letter dated January, 1948, signed by Gerald L. K. Smith and received by the Detroit Office of the FBI from Tulsa, Oklahoma. This form letter makes reference to the pending case against the subject.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GOFF arrested by U. S. Marshal Office, Denver, and appeared before U. S. Commissioner, Denver 12/9/47. GOFF made \$1000 bond and was ordered to appear before U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia 1/9/48.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/31/47 at Washington, D. C.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLORADO</p> <p>[redacted], Chief Deputy, U. S. Marshal, stated that marshals from his office apprehended GOFF at GOFF's residence, 3408 South Bryant Street, and brought him before U. S. Commissioner HAROLD JAKES on December 9, 1947. [redacted] stated that GOFF made the \$1000 bond set by the Commissioner and that GOFF was first ordered to appear for arraignment before the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia on December 19, 1947.</p> <p>Mrs. ESTHER PRICE, U. S. Attorney's office, Denver, advised that upon instructions of the U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia her office communicated with KENNETH GOFF advising him to appear before the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia on January 9, 1948.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p> | | | |
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: February 25, 1948

FROM : [REDACTED], SPECIAL AGENT

SUBJECT: DONALD A. LOHBECK, et al
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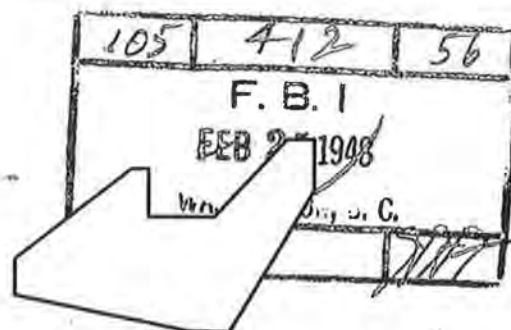
On the morning of February 24, 1948, Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically advised that Assistant U.S. Attorney WILLIAM HITZ had requested that Agents of this office arrange to obtain the measurements of the distance from the front door of the Russian Embassy to the outside of the tree on the right and the tree on the left of the lawn in front of the Embassy. It was Mr. HITZ'S purpose in requesting this investigation to show that the trees on the Russian Embassy lawn were situated within the 500 foot radius as required by the Statute.

The above request was discussed with Mr. FRED BAUMGARDNER of the Bureau, who, after consulting Assistant Director D. M. LADD, advised that Mr. HITZ should be informed that his request should be taken up with Assistant Attorney General VINCENT QUINN in order that Mr. QUINN might, through proper clearance with the State Department, obtain the authorization necessary to conduct the investigation on the premises of the Russian Embassy.

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The above information was conveyed telephonically to Special Agent [REDACTED] who was present at the trial of this case at the U. S. Court House.

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3d Pleads Guilty

2 Picketers Of Embassy Go on Trial

Two men, one of them an admitted former Communist, went on trial in District Court yesterday charged with picketing with



defamatory placards at the Russian Embassy last July.

Before the trial opened, a third defendant, Forrest Schickedanz, 40, Marietta, Ohio, Baptist minister, pleaded guilty. Facing a possible

penalty of 60 days and \$100 fine, his case was referred to probation authorities before sentencing.

After prosecution and defense attorneys had exhausted the list of jurors, with racial and religious challenges, the case opened before an 11-man jury. Minimum number of jurors required in District Court is six.

The defendants, who were reported to be followers of Gerald L. K. Smith at the time of their arrest, are: Donald A. Lohbeck, 30, editor of a Detroit publication, Cross and the Flag, and the Rev. O. Kenneth Goff, 33, a Baptist minister of Denver, Colo. Both admitted a part in planning and carrying out the July 31 demonstration at the Embassy.

Justice Jennings Bailey interrupted Goff's admission that he was "a Communist from 1936 to 1939 . . . but I renounced communism in 1939 and have been fighting it ever since." . . .

"All that is material here," Justice Bailey interjected, "is whether you placed posters derogatory to a foreign government within 500 feet of the Embassy."

The case is expected to go to the jury today.

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Soviet Embassy Picketers Are Fined \$100 Each

Two men, charged with picketing the Soviet Embassy at 1125 16th-st nw and with carrying a sign reading "Closed, Rat Infested" and "Murder, Inc." were fined \$100 each in District Court today when a jury returned a guilty verdict after 35 minutes deliberation.

The men, Donald A. Lohbeck, 30, of St. Louis, editor of the Cross and Flag, and the Rev. Kenneth Goff, 33, Baptist minister of Denver, admitted the demonstration last July 31.

Both followers of Gerald E. K. Smith, they said they wanted to show the embassy was "a spy center."

Judge Bailey smothered the defendants' attempts at anti-Red speeches on the stand by saying "all that's material here is whether you placed posters derogatory to a foreign government within 500 feet of the embassy."

Earlier yesterday, a third defendant, Forrest Schickedanz, 49, Marietta, O., pleaded guilty. Charges

against the three are picketing without a license and displaying posters derogatory to a foreign government within 500 feet of the embassy.

Maximum penalty, is a 60-day jail term or a \$100 fine. After the incident, the State Department sent its official regrets to the Soviet government.

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Times Herald
2-25-48 P.10

Two Don't Deny They Picketed Soviet Embassy

Two disciples of Gerald L. K. Smith, one a former Communist, yesterday made no attempt at their District court trial to deny they illegally picketed the Soviet embassy last July 31.

Following final arguments by prosecution and defense counsel, the case will be submitted to the jury some time today.

The defendants, Donald A. Lohbeck, 30, of St. Louis, editor of the "Cross and Flag," and Kenneth Goff, 33, a Denver Baptist minister, both admitted they took part in planning the anti-Communist demonstration.

Silenced by Court

Several times Justice Bailey prevented the pair from making anti-Russian speeches from the stand by curtly commenting:

"All we are concerned with here is whether you placed posters derogatory to a foreign government within 500 feet of an embassy."

A third defendant, Forrest A. Schickendanz, 49, of Marietta, Ohio, also a Baptist minister, pleaded guilty to the charge as the trial got under way yesterday.

When they took the stand, neither Lohbeck nor Goff bothered to deny FBI testimony that they made statements admitting they carried out the demonstration.

Failed to Get Permit

The pair, with Schickendanz, are charged with failing to obtain a permit to picket and with tacking up posters on embassy property that read:

"Murder, Inc." "Closed, rat infested" and "For Sale—Owner Moving Soon."

The two testified they organized the demonstration to bring to the attention of the American people "the fact that the Russian embassy is a spy center."

Goff, who wears an artificial leg, told the court he was a member of the Communist party from 1936 to 1939.

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\$100 Fines Imposed On 2 Who Put Signs At Soviet Embassy

Donald A. Lohbeck and the Rev. Oliver Kenneth Goff, members of Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Party, were found guilty in District Court today of displaying anti-Soviet posters in front of the Russian Embassy last July 31.

Justice Jennings Bailey fined them \$100 each—the maximum under the law—but did not impose a jail sentence. He also could have sent them to jail for 60 days.

The jury deliberated for only 35 minutes. Defense Attorney J. Austin Latimer said he had not decided whether to appeal.

Testimony Limited.

Lohbeck, 30, editor of the Cross and the Flag, and Goff, 33-year-old Denver Baptist minister and former Communist, admitted late yesterday they planned and carried out the demonstration.

Repeated efforts by both defendants to make anti-Russian speeches on the stand were squelched by Justice Bailey with the comment:

"All that is material here is whether you placed posters derogatory to a foreign government within 500 feet of the embassy."

Lohbeck and Goff declared they carried out the plan to bring to the attention of the American people "the fact that the so-called Russian Embassy is a spy center."

Third Man Pleads Guilty.

Goff, who limps because of an artificial limb, testified he was a member of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1939. "I renounced communism in 1939," he testified, "and have been fighting it ever since." Justice Bailey prevented him from enlarging on the subject.

Before the trial got under way, a third defendant, Forrest A. Schickedanz, 49, of Marietta, Ohio, pleaded guilty to the charges, and his case was referred to the probation office prior to sentencing.

The trio was charged with picketing without a permit and displaying signs derogatory to a foreign government within 500 feet of the embassy.

After the incident happened, the State Department sent official regrets of this Government to the Kremlin.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 26, 1948

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DONALD A. LOHBECK, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The trial concerning the defendants of the above-entitled case was concluded Wednesday, February 25, 1948, before Justice JENNINGS BAILEY. The Jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The defendants, LOHBECK and GOFF, were represented by J. AUSTIN LATIMER and MAXIMILLIAN ST. GEORGE.

Defendant SCHICKEDANZ, represented by ROGER ROEB, had previously appeared and pleaded nolo contendere.

Immediately following the return of the verdict by the Jury, Counsel requested of Justice BAILEY his time for sentencing and Justice BAILEY indicated he would immediately impose a sentence of a fine of one-hundred dollars each. Counsel then conferred with defendants and agreed not to appeal the case and paid the fines imposed.

Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM HITZ, who prosecuted the case, stated that with respect to SCHICKEDANZ, his case will be heard before another Justice of the District Court and it was believed that the fine imposed on SCHICKEDANZ in all fairness could not be greater than that imposed on the other defendants.

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2 'Christian Crusaders' Fined For Placarding Red Embassy

Two associates of Gerald L. K. Smith yesterday paid \$100 fines each for placarding "with odium" the Russian Embassy here last July.

The fines were imposed on the Rev. O. Kenneth Goff, 33, Baptist minister, of Denver, Colo., and Donald A. Lohbeck, editor of a Detroit publication, Cross and the Flag, by Associate Justice Jennings Bailey after a District Court jury found them guilty.

Both admitted participating in the demonstration before the Embassy, testifying they did so "to show the American people that the so-called Russian Embassy is a spy center." That was the import of the posters placed around the Embassy shortly before their leader, Smith, held a public rally

on the Washington Monument grounds.

A third defendant, Forrest Schickedanz, 49, Baptist minister, of Marietta, Ohio, pleaded guilty Tuesday. He now awaits report of probation officers before sentencing to a possible maximum of \$100 fine and 60 days in jail. Schickedanz, through his attorney, Roger Robb, publicly denied he was a follower of Smith. He said he had been brought to Washington to sing at Smith's rally, and got mixed up in the embassy picketing incident.

Goff and Lohbeck, however, proudly testified they are members of Smith's newest venture in arousing the public, the Christian Nationalist Crusade.

Following the embassy incident last summer, the State Department sent official regrets of this Government to Moscow.

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| TITLE DONALD A. LOHBECK; KENNETH O. GOFF; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subjects LOHBECK and GOFF found guilty by jury trial concluded February 25, 1948, before Justice BAILEY of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, and fined \$100.00 each. Subject SCHICKEDANZ was fined before Justice KEECH on February 26, 1948, in the sum of \$25.00. Counsel for defendants advised the Court that they would not appeal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px;"></div> dated 12/31/47, at Washington, D. C.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>WILLIAM HITZ, Assistant United States Attorney, advised that FORREST SCHICKEDANZ appeared at the court house with his attorney, ROGER ROBB, and was arraigned before Judge LAWS at 2:30 PM. He pled not guilty and stated that he did not wish Attorneys J. AUSTIN LATIMER or MAXIMILLAN J. ST. GEORGE to represent him any longer. Attorney ROBB wants to dispose of the case and wishes SCHICKEDANZ to plead nolo contendere.</p> <p>HITZ stated that LATIMER and ST. GEORGE previously filed a motion on behalf of all three defendants, which motion requests the court to waive the arraignment and to dismiss indictment. It denies jurisdiction of the District Court stating that the statute specifically defines it as a misdemeanor and the Municipal Court has exclusive jurisdiction.</p> | | | |
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Mr. HITZ feels that there may be some merit to the motion and a hearing as to the arraignment will be held on Monday, January 5, 1948. Mr. HITZ stated that Section 255b grants concurrent jurisdiction in that it states that it may be by Municipal Court.

The hearing on the motion to dismiss the indictment for lack of jurisdiction of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia was denied by Justice PINE, who stated in effect that the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia had jurisdiction over all crimes committed in the District of Columbia and that the argument that the Municipal Court had exclusive jurisdiction for a misdemeanor to be prosecuted by information rather than an indictment was erroneous and, therefore, denied. Exceptions were taken by Attorney LATIMER.

Mr. HITZ advised that his endeavor to obtain a written stipulation from LATIMER and BOBB that the signed statements of GOFF and LOHBECK to Bureau Agents were freely given was refused and, therefore, the appearance of the Denver and Detroit Agents who obtained these statements was necessary.

The trial was held on February 24, 1948 before Justice JENNINGS BAILEY of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, which was attended by the writer, and defendants LOHBECK and GOFF were each fined \$100.00. Immediately upon sentence LOHBECK and GOFF stated to the Court that they would waive their right to appeal.

WILLIAM HITZ, Assistant United States Attorney, stated on February 27, 1948, that defendant SCHICKEDANZ was fined before Justice BRECH on February 26, 1948, in the sum of \$25.00, which was paid, and that all defendants and their counsel have stated they would not appeal. However, according to Mr. HITZ the right of appeal is open for sixty days, but he did not believe an appeal would be filed.

The right of appeal has now expired and this case is being considered CLOSED.

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SAC, St. Louis

February 6, 1951

SAC, WFO

CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST PARTY;
ATTACK PUBLISHING COMPANY,
IS-X

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated
January 25, 1951 from the Post Office Inspector in Charge to
[redacted], Middle and Far East Desk, I.N.P.,
Washington, D.C. and enclosures thereto.

WFO files reflect that in 1947 WFO was origin in
a case entitled "DONALD A. LOMBECK; KENNETH O. COFF; FORREST
SCHICKEDANZ, IS-X", which involved alleged disorderly conduct
on the property of the Soviet Embassy by subjects. Copies
of the reports in this matter are not being furnished you
inasmuch as it is not known whether you are interested in
them or whether you may have already obtained them from the
Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-43818)

July 1, 1952

SAC, WFO (100-25634)

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Re report [redacted], April 2, 1952 at
St. Louis.

Enclosed herewith to St. Louis are the following
reports in report entitled "DONALD A. LOHBECK, KENNETH O.
GOFF, FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, IS - X" re LOHBECK'S participa-
tion in posting of signs at Russian Embassy.

1. Report of [redacted], dated September 13,
1947 at Washington, D. C. *u*

2. Report of [redacted], dated October 14,
1947 at Detroit, Michigan.

3. Report of [redacted], dated December 31,
1947 at Washington, D. C.

4. Report of [redacted], dated June 26, 1948
at Washington, D. C.

Also enclosed to St. Louis are six photographs taken
at the Russian Embassy during the incident. These photographs
were taken by HARRIS AND EWING, Photographers, 1313 F Street,
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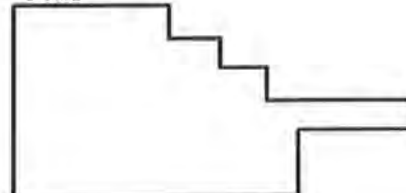
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PART I - Identical Information

KENNETH GOFF

Confidential Informant [] of the Chicago Field Office, informs that he has large files which he will review and make available to the Chicago Field Office in the near future on []. This information will []

It will also be noted that Confidential Informant [] has information in his files on many of the leaders of the movement. When this material is made available, the Chicago Field Office will review same and incorporate it in report form. Informants of the Chicago Field Office placed in []

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The National Council of the American Youth Congress, 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, letterhead gives the following officers, as of December 4, 1936:

Administrative Committee:

Among others

KENNETH GOFF, Wisconsin Townsend Clubs, Delavan, Wisconsin.

Chicago, Ill. report 2-1-41 by SA [] entitled:
"AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS -
Internal Security - C"
100-1142-8, p.38

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KENNETH GOFF

This report deals with [REDACTED]

The material in this report was gathered from the files of Confidential Informant [REDACTED]. This report is supplementary to that of reference report. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are set forth in reference report and are not being repeated in this report.

Among others

KENNETH C. GOFF, President, Wisconsin Youth Congress

A booklet entitled "Here Are the Facts - Is the American Youth Congress a Communist Front", written by MURRAY PLAVNER lists the following persons as being present at the Convention and states that all are well known Communists of Communist sympathizers:

The same booklet by Mr. PLAVNER lists the following organizations and whose representatives were elected to the National Council of the American Youth Congress at the Milwaukee Convention:

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ORGANIZATION

50. National Townsend Youth Clubs

PERSON DESIGNATED

KENNETH GOFF

Chicago, Ill. report 2-25-41 by
SA [redacted] entitled:
"AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS -
Internal Security - C"
100-1142-19, p.711,

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KENNETH GOFF

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SECTION TWO -- Conventions held in Wisconsin

B. 1940 Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Milwaukee Field Division, prior
to initiation of the instant investigation advised that [redacted]

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It is noted that reference is made to [REDACTED] account of [REDACTED] in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated at Chicago, Illinois 2/1/41, a copy of which is noted to be indicated for each field division in continental United States.

[REDACTED] stated that at the time of his activity in the American Youth Congress (1937 - 1938) the headquarters of the American Youth Congress were located at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, and that the following persons were identified with the National Organization of the American Youth Congress.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Among others

KENNETH GOFF, Wisconsin Townsend Clubs, Delavan, Wisconsin

Milwaukee report 3-25-41 by
SA [REDACTED], entitled:
"AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS -
Internal Security - R"
100-1142-26, p. 3

KENNETH GOFF

At Detroit, Michigan:

This is a joint report of Special Agent [REDACTED] and the reporting Agent. The information set out in the subsequent paragraphs unless otherwise designated, has been received from Confidential Informant [REDACTED], whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau,
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Detroit, Mich. report 7-8-44 by
SA [redacted] entitled:
"GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases -
America First Party -
Internal Security - G
Security Matter - Sedition"
S6Grce: [redacted] Confidential Informant
[redacted], whose identity
is known to the Bureau
100-8486-43, p.3,9,10,26

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Associate
Editors
DON LOHBECK
[redacted]

(National News Service)
GERALD L. K. SMITH, Director

Washington
D. C.

October 28, 1946

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The Nationalist Youth League, headed by KENNETH GOFF, Don Lohbeck, [redacted]
[redacted], and others, is planning annationwide campaign. The organization will
serve to counteract the so-called AYD (American Youth for Demporacy) which is
the succe:esor to the Young Communist League. Young people who are interested

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in this youth crusade may address their inquiries to the Editors of this letter and they will be passed on to the committee of the NYL (Nationalist Youth League).

Weekly Letter dated 10-28-1946
by GERALD L. K. SMITH (Director)
100-8486-73, p.2

KENNETH GOFF

N. N. S.

Associate
Editors

(National News Service)
GERALD L. K. SMITH, Director

Washington,
D. C.

Don Lohbeck

November 11, 1946

KENNETH GOFF, National Director of Christian Youth for America, as well as executive secretary of the N.Y.L. (Nationalist Youth League) is rapidly becoming one of the nation's most effective crusaders in behalf of Nationalism. GOFF is a former Communist. He joined the Communist Party about the same time as Mr. Budenz, who, as editor of the DAILY WORKER (official Communist paper), recently deserted the Communist Party and returned to Christianity. GOFF has been holding some dynamic and effective meetings, aided and assisted by Don Lohbeck, National Chairman of the N.Y.L.

Weekly Letter dated No. 11, 1946
by GERALD L. K. SMITH (Director)
100-8486-73a

MR. KENNETH GOFF

THE LETTER

Associate
Editors

GERALD L. K. SMITH, Editor

Washington,
D. C.

Don Lohbeck

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Three Rabbis joined in a committee to prevent the Gideon Bible Society from presenting Bibles to all school children in Denver, Colorado, above the fifth grade. The attorney representing the Rabbis insisted that the Bible had nothing to do with preventing juvenile delinquency. The Rabbis have organized a large committee in Denver and are determined that the Gideon Society will not be permitted to give the Bibles to the school children. Facts concerning this situation can be confirmed by writing to Mr. Kenneth Goff, Director of the Nationalist Youth League, Post Office Box 116, Englewood, Colorado.

Weekly Letter, March 10, 1947
by GERALD L. K. SMITH, editor
100-8486-74, p.2

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OLIVER KENNETH GOFF

In statement set forth as obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] in 1936, he related he was not acquainted with [redacted] and had no information about him. He did state that in 1936 after UAW convention in Milwaukee [redacted] attended a meeting at Bues Hall in Milwaukee composed of Communists and left wing element in the Farmer Labor Progressive Federation in the Milwaukee area. Communists known to [redacted] were present at that meeting, at which [redacted], among others, discussed strategy for removing [redacted] then [redacted] of the UAW. [redacted] never saw [redacted] at any other meetings, does not know whether [redacted] was a Communist Party member, but strongly suspects he was a member. [redacted] reluctant to testify in view of potential jeopardy to his present Government job and exposure to his local friends, but will do so if U. S. Attorney deems his testimony absolutely essential. At Dies Committee hearing in 1939, OLIVER KENNETH GOFF from Delavan, Wisconsin, identified [redacted] as a Communist.

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The following self-explanatory signed statement was obtained from [redacted]

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The original and three signed copies of the above statement are being maintained in the Washington Field Office file. It is to be noted that all of the above statement, with the exception of the first paragraph, was dictated by [redacted] himself. In connection with the reference to Detective [redacted] in the second from the last paragraph of the above statement, attention is directed to information contained in a letter to the Washington Field Office from the Milwaukee Field Office under date of March 26, 1947, as follows:

The files of the Milwaukee Field Division reflect a statement by [redacted] made to Detective [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department at 749 North 2nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 28, 1941.

[redacted] At the time this statement was made [redacted] and had ceased activity with the Communist Party.

With reference to subject [redacted], the following portions of [redacted] statement are believed pertinent. In reply to a question as to where he attended Communist meetings in Milwaukee [redacted] stated:
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Attention is directed to the fact that at a hearing on October 9, 1939, of the Special Committee of the House to investigate un-American activities, one of the witnesses was OLIVER KENNETH GOFF, who gave his address as Rural Route 3, Delavan, Wisconsin; age 25; occupation, salesman for McNess Products Company at Reepert. At the outset of his testimony GOFF stated that he joined the Young Communist League and the Communist Party in Milwaukee on May 2, 1936, under the name of JOHN KEATS. He was still a member of both organizations in 1939 when he testified before the Committee. Of particular interest to this case is his testimony which appears on pages 5657 and 5672 of volume 14 of the Report on the Dies Committee Hearing. During the course of his testimony GOFF was questioned about the United Committee for Aid to Austrian Refugees. GOFF explained that he was requested to preside at a meeting of said Committee on May 22, 1938, to be held in the Colonial Hall of the Republican Hotel in Milwaukee. GOFF testified about a list of people who were at that meeting and in the course of his testimony he related that one of these was "[redacted] of the Milwaukee County Industrial Union Council of the CIO, who is a Communist."

Later in his testimony, GOFF testified that the Communist Party in Wisconsin had attempted to use the Farmer Labor Party movement for its own purposes. He then introduced for the record a copy of a circular announcing a people's conference on farm and labor legislation dated at Madison, Wisconsin, March 13,

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1937. This circular set forth the names of the sponsoring committee and included among those names was "[redacted], Allis Chalmers Federal Union, No. 20136."

All the other Washington Field Office references to [redacted] are to information received from or already transmitted to the Milwaukee Office and therefore it is not repeated herein.

WFO report 4-4-47 by SA
[redacted], entitled:
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Perjury"
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On July 28, 1947, [redacted] of the St. James Hotel, 13th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, telephonically advised this office that a meeting was in progress at his hotel, at which GERALD L. K. SMITH was to speak. The meeting room was rented by [redacted] under the name of the Stevens-Goodyear Sales Corporation. [redacted] stated that he had been told the meeting was originally scheduled at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, but the meeting room had been canceled.

[redacted] was contacted on July 29, 1947 and furnished to this office, the following items which had been left in the meeting room:

"The Cross and The Flag", for June 1947

A photostatic leaflet entitled "The Roosevelt Death - A Super Mystery." This leaflet contained a coupon on the back addressed to "The Cross and The Flag, P. O. Box 8, Harper Station, Detroit 13, Michigan.

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A printed leaflet entitled, "Practical Post-War Suggestions for Creating Highly Remunerative Jobs for all the Workers all the Time Without Any Additional Debt" by GEORGE D. EVANS, 214 South 41st Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A printed leaflet announcing that GERALD L. K. SMITH will speak in Washington, D. C. at the Washington Monument (Sylvan Amphitheatre) on Sunday, August 3, 1947 at 7:30 p.m.

At the time of contacting [redacted], he related that [redacted] gave his home address as 876 Granite Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which address is known to this office as the mailing address of the "Philadelphia Christian Nationalist Committee" of which [redacted] is [redacted]. Information in the files of this office also shows that [redacted] resided at [redacted] and is [redacted] of "National Progress", a pro-Fascist magazine. It was also pointed out that the leaflet put out by GEORGE D. EVANS contained a rubber stamped advertisement of GEORGE D. EVANS "Rexair Dealer, 530 S. 49th St., Phila. 43, Pa."

On July 29, 1947, [redacted] of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Broad and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, was interviewed together with [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had originally rented a room at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel and made a deposit of \$40.00 on this room, stating that a group known as the Philadelphia Christian Speakers Committee was going to hold a meeting of about 125 people. "When [redacted] learned that [redacted] was to have GERALD L. K. SMITH as the guest speaker (July 28, 1947), he immediately tried to contact [redacted] in order to cancel the reservation. In the meantime, [redacted] came to the hotel to pay the additional \$35.00 rent on this room and was at that time, given a check for his original deposit, stating that the hotel did not wish to be involved in any demonstrations which might occur as a result of SMITH being the guest speaker.

[redacted] was telephonically contacted later in the day by [redacted] of the National Blue Star Mothers of America) who stated that she lived at [redacted], and was going to sue the Bellevue Stratford Hotel for breaking its contract regarding the renting of the room to the Philadelphia Christian Speakers Committee. Also later that day, [redacted] was contacted telephonically by Mr. LOHBECK (DON LOHBECK) who stated that he wanted to rent a room for the evening giving the name of the

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American Type Salesman's Association. [] felt that this group might be connected with GERALD L. K. SMITH and refused to rent a room.

[] Adelphi Hotel, Philadelphia, was contacted on July 29, 1947 and advised that Rooms 607 and 610 were rented for July 28, 1947 to DON LOHBECK, KEN GOFF and F. SCHICKEDANZ, all of 3940 McClellan Street, Detroit, Michigan. [] also furnished to this office, the following items which were left in the room when the above mentioned three men checked out of the hotel on July 29, 1947:

An orange colored card entitled, "Stop Communism Here!" No author or publisher was quoted although this was listed as an editorial. The card bore the typographical union label of "Greensburg (E.A.?) with the figure 4 circled beside it.

A printed card entitled, "New Post-War Car" with no publisher or author listed.

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A printed booklet entitled, "In Brief", Volume 1, Number 2, which is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Bridgeport, Connecticut Post of February 25, 1947, entitled, "Show Me Any Other Country" by BETTY KNOWLES HUNT. This booklet was published by the Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., Irvington-on-Hudson, New York. On the back of this booklet was written in ink, the name [] and beneath it, the notation, "Call []".

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A booklet entitled, "Man Cannot Govern Without God" published by the Hecla Press, New York City. This booklet is a printed address of EUGENE L. GAREY of New York, New York, given at a dinner of the National Association of Women Lawyers at Atlantic City, New Jersey on October 26, 1946.

Each of the above four items as well as the four items obtained from the meeting room of the St. James Hotel, are being forwarded to the Bureau with this letter.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Detroit Office inasmuch as DON LOHBECK, KEN GOFF, and F. SCHICKEDANZ registered at the Hotel Adelphia as being from Detroit. It is known to this office, that LOHBECK was Chairman of the St. Louis Branch of the America First Party on March 25, 1944, when GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke at the AFP Convention, in St. Louis. LOHBECK is also presently

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Chairman of the Nationalist Youth League and acting editor of "The Cross and The Flag." KENNETH GOFF is Executive Secretary of the Nationalist Youth League.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Washington Field Division in order that arrangements may be made to cover the speech of GERALD L. K. SMITH on August 3, 1947 at Washington, D. C.

Letter to Director, FBI from
SAC, Philadelphia, 8-1-47, Subject:
"GERALD L. K. SMITH -
Internal Security - C"
100-8487-79, p.1,2,3

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KENNETH GOFF

SMITH BOOED, BUT FAILS TO STIR 500 LISTENERS TO VIOLENCE

America Firsters Heavily Guarded In Monument Talk
by George Kennedy

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Others Introduced

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KENNETH GOFF of Denver, Colo., a diminutive light-haired man was next. Mr. GOFF is director of Christian Youth for America. He is a former Communist. Mr. GOFF told how he had been seduced into Communism by university professors while on a Federal Emergency Relief administration project at Madison, Wis. He was given the name John Keats and sent--among other missions--out "to break up the meetings of GERALD L. K. SMITH." He told of his reconversion.

Newspaper clipping taken from
EVENING STAR 8-4-47 Re:
"AMERICA FIRSTERS HEAVILY GUARDED
IN MONUMENT TALK"
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ANTI-RED SIGNS POSTED ON SOVIET EMBASSY

Four persons demonstrating in front of the Soviet Embassy this morning plastered trees and the front wall of the building with such signs as "Closed! Rat Infested," "Murder, Inc.!" and "For Sale--Owners Leaving Soon."

One of the group, DON LOHBECK of St. Louis, who identified himself as editor of the Cross and Flag Magazine, organ of the Christian Youth for America, said the signs were "incidental advertising" for a speech on the Monument Grounds next Sunday night by GERALD L. K. SMITH. A second identified himself as the Rev. KENNETH GOFF of Denver, national director of the Christian Youth.

Members of the Embassy staff quickly tore down the posters and [redacted] described the incident as the efforts of a "well-known fascist organization" to damage American-Soviet relations.

Metropolitan police arrived on the scene shortly after the demonstrators left. They said the Embassy had requested that no action be taken against the demonstrators.

Newspaper clipping taken from EVENING
STAR, Block stamped 9-10-47 Re:
"ANTI-REDS SIGNS POSTED ON
SOVIET EMBASSY"
100-8486-88, p.1

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The following information, unless otherwise designated, was furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] and covers activities from July 1 through July 31, 1947.

July 31, 1947

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WFO report 9-22-47 by SA
[redacted], entitled:
"SODAC, WASHINGTON, D. C. -
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100-16597-335, p.17

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JURY CITES THREE FOR SOVIET SIGNS

A District grand jury today indicted three men on charges of displaying anti-Communist placards in front of the Soviet embassy last July. If convicted they face a maximum of 60 days in jail and \$100 fine. Named by the panel are DONALD A. LOHBACK, 30, Detroit; KENNETH C. GOFF, 29, Englewood, Colo., and [redacted]. The indictment accused the men of "displaying . . . placards and signs . . . to bring the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics into public odium and disrepute; without a permit from the Metropolitan police."

Newspaper clipping taken from
TIMES HERALD, 11-17-47 Re:
"JURY CITES THREE FOR SOVIET SIGNS"
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KENNETH GOFF

This report will be devoted to the magazine, "Far Eastern Survey," published by the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, INC. According to the May 17, 1950 issue of this magazine, it is published fort-nightly with offices at 1 East 54th Street, New York 22, New York.

. Titles and authors of articles appearing in EES, as reflected in issues from 1932 through 5/17/50 inclusive, set out. Also set out are names of book reviewers as reflected in aforementioned issues.

BOOK REVIEWERS

OCTOBER 6

3. "Australia's Empty Spaces" by C. HARTLEY GRATTAN

Concerning GRATTAN, it is to be noted that he was listed in October 1936 as an "advisory editor" for the paper "Champion of Youth" which paper was then the official organ of the Young Communist League. This information was furnished by KENNETH GOFF, a former member of the Young Communist League.

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New York report 5-26-50 by SA
[redacted] entitled:
"INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS;
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC
RELATIONS, INC - aka
American Council, Institute of
Pacific Relations -
Espionage - R"
97-461-64, p.69

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Reference is made to Milwaukee teletype to Minneapolis dated September 11, 1951, entitled [REDACTED].

The teletype advised that the Bureau had advised Denver that [REDACTED]

Reverend KENNETH GOFF was interviewed on September 11, 1951, at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. GOFF was unable to furnish specific information regarding ACHESON's affiliation with the Communist Party. GOFF stated that during a closed session which was conducted after the National Convention of the Young Communist League in May, 1937, the newly elected National Committee, of which Reverend GOFF was a member, held a discussion which was lead by [REDACTED] on infiltration into the government.

As an illustration of this infiltration, [REDACTED] stated, according to GOFF, that they had penetrated into the offices of the Agriculture and State Departments. Further, [REDACTED] stated that in Washington the Communist Party had powerful cells and had an infiltration of better than 2800 Communist Party members and fellow travelers.

According to GOFF, [REDACTED] was very much perturbed during this discussion that the Communist Party had not penetrated far enough into the Army and Navy and there was a great need for the Young Communist League to join the R.O.T.C. with a view to make an attempt to enter either West Point or Annapolis.

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[REDACTED] further advised at the closed session, that the first Communist Party cell was started at 1503 Connecticut Avenue in a violin studio in 1933, and that the cell was made up predominately of graduates of eastern universities. According to GOFF, [REDACTED] at this point, brought up the names of JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER [REDACTED] HISS, [REDACTED] and an unidentified woman

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whose name GOFF does not recall, as being members of this particular cell. GOFF recalled that [] had stated that [] was [] of the cell to the National Communist Party Office in New York. It was GOFF's further recollection that [] had paid tribute to [] for laying the ground work in the development of this Communist Party cell.

GOFF stated that the following individuals were present at this closed session:

JACK KLING



(from Detroit)



HENRY WINSTON

KENNETH GOFF denied ever saying or writing that DEAN ACHESON was part of this Communist Party cell. He claims also that he has never met or was personally acquainted with DEAN ACHESON. GOFF stated, however, that during the summer of 1936, following a mass meeting held at a hotel in Milwaukee, the name of which GOFF was unable to recall, a closed meeting was held at which time GOFF recalled the following individuals were present:

EUGENE DENNIS



GOFF recalled that at the mass meeting at the hotel they had listened to an English speaking broadcast from Spain regarding broadcast from Spain regarding the Spanish situation and in particular the arms embargo on Spain. According to GOFF, in the closed session EUGENE DENNIS directed a discussion on aid to Spain and the arms embargo on Spain. He advised those present that during the time the Spanish republic was in power, they had established a core of friendship with key individuals in the government in Washington, D. C. According to GOFF, IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT DENNIS made the statement that, "They can be assured that DEAN ACHESON, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and VETO MARCANTONIO are our friends."

GOFF insisted that this was the only instance that he can remember that ACHESON had been referred to by anyone in an official capacity with the Communist Party. GOFF further insisted that this is the only reference he has ever made in any of his speeches or writing which would reflect on DEAN ACHESON. GOFF further stated that he has no specific information regarding DEAN ACHESON but "felt", to the best of his knowledge, that ACHESON was a member up to the time

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that GOFF quit the Party in 1939. He further stated that he has no facts to back up this statement. GOFF insisted further that he could not recall ever corresponding with any individuals regarding DEAN ACHESON. KENNETH GOFF advised that he is unable to furnish any other information regarding DEAN ACHESON.

The Minneapolis Office refrained from making specific reference to [] and [], or any correspondence which possibly may have been conducted between the two inasmuch as the relationship between GOFF and these two individuals was unknown. As noted above, GOFF denies ever corresponding with any individuals regarding DEAN ACHESON or ever making reference to DEAN ACHESON in any of his speeches or writings as being a member of the Communist Party cell in Washington.

Mr. GOFF will leave Minneapolis on the evening of September 12 enroute to Delavan, Wisconsin and will be in care of Reed's Motor Court or the Colonia Hotel. According to GOFF he will stay at Delavan, Wisconsin through September 16, at which time he will continue on to Denver, Colorado via automobile. He expects to arrive in Denver by Wednesday, September 19.

Memo to Director, FBI from SAC,
Minneapolis 9-15-51, Re:

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REVEREND KENNETH GOFF

The following is additional data as to the past Communist Party activities on the part of the subject which has not been previously reported:

On September 11, 1951, Reverend KENNETH GOFF, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed at the Minneapolis Office of the Bureau at which time he stated that during a closed session conducted after the National Convention of the Young Communist League during May of 1937, the newly elected National Committee, of which he was a member, held a discussion on the subject of Communist infiltration into the government. This discussion was led by []. At the time [] stated

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that "they" had penetrated into the offices of the Department of State and the Department of Agriculture and that the Communist Party had powerful cells in Washington, D. C.

[] further stated, at the aforementioned closed session, that the first Communist Party cell was started in 1933 at 1503 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., a violin studio, and that this cell was made up predominately of graduates of Eastern Universities. According to GOFF, [] at this point brought up the names of JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER [] HISS, [] and an unidentified woman, whose name GOFF could not recall, as being members of this particular cell. Reverend GOFF also recalled that [] had stated that [] was [] for this cell to the National Communist Party Office in New York.

It is noted that Reverend KENNETH GOFF, who is presently located at Minneapolis, Minnesota, was active in the Communist Party in Wisconsin, from 1937 to 1939, when he resigned and since 1939 he has been an anti-Communist.

New York report 11-6-51 by
SA [] entitled:
"LEON PRESSMAN, wa
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Interview of []

[] who resides at []
[] was interviewed by Special Agent []
and the writer at his place of business on June 19, 1952. []
related the following circumstances concerning his acquaintance with the
subject.

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In regard to other persons who would have known the subject and [redacted]
[redacted], during this period, [redacted] furnished the following information.
He said that there was an individual by the name of [redacted] who had occupied
a room at [redacted] during the period that he, [redacted],
and [redacted] resided at this address during the latter half of 1936. [redacted]
said that [redacted] knew [redacted] although they were not particularly close
friends. [redacted] advised that [redacted] but that he could furnish no
information as to [redacted] present whereabouts.

[redacted] also related that there was an individual by the name of KENNETH
GOFF who originally came from somewhere in the Northern part of Wisconsin and whom
he believed to be a student at the University of Wisconsin. [redacted] expressed the
belief that GOFF was a union organizer and stated that this individual had lost
a leg in an accident. [redacted] advised that GOFF and [redacted] were close friends
but that he could furnish no information as to GOFF's present whereabouts.

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Information Concerning KENNETH GOFF

[redacted], an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area,
advised on June 2, 1948 that [redacted]

[redacted] According to the informant,
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[redacted], an organization in the Chicago area which is interested in minority
group problems, advised in 1943 that [redacted]

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[redacted] further informed in 1945 that [redacted] The in-
formant advised that [redacted]

The informant advised that [redacted]

According to the informant, [redacted]

The American Student Union has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, January 3, 1939, page 80; also cited in reports on January 3, 1940, page 9; June 25, 1942, page 16; and March 29, 1944, page 159.

[redacted], an informant of known reliability who is generally acquainted with Communist activities in the Chicago area, advised in 1941 that the Fourth Convention of the American Youth Congress had been held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 2-5, 1937. According to the informant one of those who addressed the American Youth Congress Convention was one KENNETH C. GOFF, President, Wisconsin Youth Congress.

The American Youth Congress has been cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On July 5, 1951 KENNETH GOFF, 3406 South Bryant Street, Denver, Colorado, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised Special Agent [redacted] that he was a former Communist Party member and that he had known [redacted], missing Communist fugitive, about six years ago. GOFF at this time advised that he was enroute to Denver, Colorado from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and that in the process of changing trains at the Northwestern Depot, Chicago, Illinois, had observed [redacted] in the Northwestern Station.

Chicago, Ill. report 7-3-52 by
SA [redacted], entitled:
"[redacted] was -
Espionage - R"
Source: [redacted]

[redacted] is a written
report dated June 1, 1948 furnished to Special Employee [redacted]
on June 2, 1948. Chicago File 100-7744-249.

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[redacted] in a report furnished to an unknown agent in 1943. Chicago File 100-6895-63. A report furnished on July 26, 1945 to an unknown agent. Chicago File 100-6895-253-54 P 1.

[redacted] who furnished the information to Special Agent [redacted] in 1941. Chicago File 100-1520-15. Information concerning [redacted] furnished to unknown agent on unknown date.

65-5338-56, p.8,11,12,13

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REVEREND KENNETH GOFF

Re New York letter to Bureau and WFO dated January 12, 1953, in "Unknown Subject, wa., "Ales" (SOVME), Espionage - R" (Bufile 65-59567).

On page three of referenced letter there is set out under number eleven the following information which is pertinent to instant case.

11. On September 11, 1951, the Reverend KENNETH GOFF was interviewed by SAs of the Minneapolis Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and stated that during a closed session conducted after the National Convention of the Young Communist League in May, 1937, the newly elected national committee, of which he was a member, held a discussion on the subject of communist infiltration into the Government. This discussion was held by [redacted] who stated that "they" had penetrated into the offices of the Department of State and Department of Agriculture, and that the Communist Party had powerful cells in Washington, D. C. [redacted] stated at that time that the first CP cell was started in 1933 at 1503 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., and was made up predominately of graduates of Eastern universities. The names of JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER [redacted] HISS, [redacted], and an unidentified woman were mentioned as being members of this cell. It is noted that GOFF was active in the CP in Wisconsin from 1937 through 1939, at which time he resigned, and has since been violently anti-communist.

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The foregoing is being brought to the attention of the Minneapolis Office in view of the pending investigation of [redacted]. As Minneapolis may be aware, the current investigation of [redacted] is aimed at the possible location of additional witnesses who may be able to substantiate the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party in the 1930s and 1940s. Towards this end, it is requested that Minneapolis reinterview the Reverend KENNETH GOFF for all information in his possession which may tend to substantiate the CHAMBERS' allegations or suggest other possible sources of this pertinent information.

It is requested that Minneapolis expedite the covering of this lead.

Memo to Director, FBI 7-14-53 From
SAC, WFO, Subject:

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REVEREND KENNETH GOFF

There is being enclosed for the Denver Office one copy of referenced letter requesting a reinterview of Reverend KENNETH GOFF. This is in connection with current investigation to locate additional witnesses who may be able to substantiate allegations that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party in the 1930's and 1940's.

A review of the Minneapolis files indicates that GOFF has resided in Englewood, Colorado and is known to the Denver Office. [redacted], who has invited GOFF to speak in this city in the past, advised that GOFF does reside at Englewood, Colorado.

For information of the WFO, KENNETH GOFF during recent years has been engaged in a nation-wide tour during the course of which he has given anti-communist lectures of a sensational nature. In February 1948, GOFF was fined \$100 for

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placing signs of a derogatory nature in front of the Russian Embassy at Washington, D. C. In May 1949, he was reported to be promoting the program of GERALD L. K. SMITH at Denver, Colorado.

The interview with GOFF by SAS of the Minneapolis Office on September 11, 1951 was conducted while GOFF was in this area on a speaking engagement. The detailed results of this interview were transmitted to the Bureau by letter, copy to Denver, on September 15, 1951 captioned "[redacted]" A copy is enclosed for the WFO for information.

The WFO has requested the interview with KENNETH GOFF be handled expeditiously.

Memo to Director, FBI 8-3-53 from
SAC, Minneapolis, Subject:

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It has been previously reported that Reverend KENNETH GOFF, 3425 South Broadway, Englewood, Colorado, who resides at 3406 South Bryant Street, Denver, Colorado, and who is a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was interviewed on October 30, 1952, by SA [redacted]. GOFF advised he had been well acquainted with [redacted] while both he and the subject were attending the University of Wisconsin from about 1936 to 1939, and that he knew both [redacted] and [redacted] as members of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party in Milwaukee during the years 1936 to 1939.

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Upon re-interview, GOFF advised that both he and the subject were members of the Angelo Herndon Branch of the Communist Party, as well as members of the Special Branch of the Communist Party of Milwaukee. GOFF had previously advised that the subject went to Spain to fight in the Spanish Civil War under the Communist Party quota and not under the quota of the Young Communist League. GOFF advised that he had been on the National Committee of the YCL and a member of the State Board of the YCL at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. GOFF said that in the latter capacity he was doing work on the YCL quota for recruiting men to go to Spain to fight in the Spanish Civil War. GOFF said that in connection with these activities, the subject's name came up in discussions as a candidate to go to Spain, and he learned through his positions as a YCL officer that the subject, at the direction of EUGENE DENNIS, was to go to Spain under the Communist Party quota and not under the quota of the YCL.

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GOFF said the subject was engaged in the Communist Party and YCL work in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before leaving for Spain, and when he returned from Spain subject resumed his activities in both the YCL and the Communist Party. GOFF could not recall specific duties performed by the subject, but said subject was engaged in regular work of both groups. GOFF had previously advised that the subject had been present at luncheons held daily at Mendelson's Restaurant on the corner of 2nd Street and Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, at which discussions were held in regards to obtaining recruits to send to Spain. Among those present at these meetings GOFF named [] and []. Upon re-interview GOFF identified [] and [] as Milwaukee attorneys. He stated he believed [] to be presently deceased and that he believed [] to be still practicing law at Milwaukee.

In connection with the subject's membership in the Special Branch of the Communist Party of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to which, according to GOFF, he also belonged, GOFF advised that the membership of this branch was composed of people who were endeavoring to perform certain functions of a more or less undercover nature. GOFF recalled that the subject was assigned to this Special Branch so he could work in Jewish fraternal groups. According to GOFF, the leaders of the Communist Party of Milwaukee felt the subject would be better able to perform Communist Party infiltration into these fraternal groups if he were not a self-admitted Communist and not identified with Communist Party activities. GOFF said, however, that the subject was quite well known in Milwaukee due to the prominence of his father as a Communist Party member, and because of the Communist Party affairs in which he participated.

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New York report 8-6-53 by
SA [redacted], entitled:
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Internal Security Act of 1950
Registration Act"
[redacted]

[redacted]
Re Minneapolis letter to Director dated 8/3/53.

The informant, [redacted], advised that [redacted]
[redacted] stated that the only
information pertaining to [redacted] was furnished by him to the Agents of the Minneapolis
Office on [redacted], and this was merely hearsay evidence.

It was noted that this information was furnished the Director by the
Washington Field Office, July 14, 1953, in the case entitled: "Unknown Subject,
[redacted], Espionage - R," Bureau File [redacted].

[redacted] stated that [redacted]
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Memo to Director, FBI, 8-27-53
From SAC, Denver, Re:
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-38808)

[REDACTED], SM-C; PERJURY; OO SF; OFFICE OF PRESECUTION, WFO.

[REDACTED], ADVISED ON 2/19/54 THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED [REDACTED]

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Airtel 3-2-54 to Director, FBI
from SAC, San Francisco Re:

[REDACTED] -
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], SM-C; PERJURY, OO SF; OFFICE OF PROSECUTION WFO.

RE SF AIRTEL 3/2 LAST. [REDACTED] NOW RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. FOR INFO LOUISVILLE RE AIRTEL REFLECTS [REDACTED]

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Airtel 3-19-54 to Director, FBI
from Newark, N. J. Re:
[REDACTED] -
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OLIVER KENNETH GOFF

By letter dated August 24, 1953, Honorable Harold H. Velde, Chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, forwarded to this Department transcripts dated July 7, 8, 30 and 31, 1953 of the testimony before the Committee as given by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], with the request that this testimony be reviewed to ascertain whether perjury has been committed before the Committee.

A review of the testimony reveals that the subject categorically denied certain allegations relating to communist activity and membership in communist organizations, concerning which contrary testimony had previously been given. Specifically, [REDACTED] denied:

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The subject's denials of ever having been a member of the Young Communist League or of the National Committee of the League can be refuted by the testimony of [REDACTED] OLIVER KENNETH GOFF (as outlined in the report by Special Agent [REDACTED] made at Denver, Colorado, June 19, 1953) and possibly by the testimony of [REDACTED], of [REDACTED], a former member of the National Committee of the Young Communist League.

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Photostatic copy of memo to
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation, block stamp
date 12-11-53, from WARREN OLNEY III,
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Subject:
[redacted]
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[redacted]

[redacted]
COMPLIANCE DIVISION

August 11, 1954

File Reference:
[redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to the case of the above-named individual who was the subject of a full field loyalty investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. At the time the investigation was conducted, the subject was employed by the

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National Security Resources Board. He has since been transferred to this agency, and his case requires readjudication under the provisions of Section 4, E. O. 10450.

The main issue in this case revolves around information furnished by [redacted], who, in a statement dated June 22, 1948, alleges that [redacted]

[redacted]. When questioned about this [redacted] stated that he had read in a local paper that KENNETH GOFF had furnished information to a Congressional committee regarding Communist activities and also that GOFF had been arrested in Washington, D. C., for some public disturbance. b7D

Letter to Director, FBI 8-11-54
from [redacted], Director, of
Compliance Division, Subject:

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REV. OLIVER KENNETH GOFF
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Mr. [] KENNETH GOFF

Reference is made to Washington Field airtel to the Director and five other offices dated 2/23/55, in which it was requested that the Denver Office furnish the Bureau any derogatory information concerning the Rev. OLIVER KENNETH GOFF, who may be used as a witness by the U. S. Government in the near future regarding the above-captioned subject.

As the Bureau is aware, KENNETH GOFF has never been used by the Denver Office as a confidential informant, nor as a confidential source. Also, the only contacts with GOFF by the Denver Office have been upon specific request by the Bureau in loyalty and applicant type cases, and in each instance where possible, the Denver Office would obtain a signed statement from GOFF, who readily furnished same and who readily volunteered to appear before any court of law or hearing board to testify as to the facts in his signed statements.

KENNETH GOFF is a self-styled free lance Evangelist who for the past number of years has been speaking around the U. S. regarding the threat of Communism to the U. S. GOFF is a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party at Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the years 1936 to 1939 and claims to have been a leading functionary of the Communist Party of the U. S. during those years.

In the case entitled "KENNETH GOFF; CHRISTIAN YOUTH FOR AMERICA; SM - X," report of SA [] dated 7/4/45 at Denver, the Bureau was advised that GOFF organized the "Christian Youth for America" at Englewood, Colorado, in December, 1943, and published a monthly newspaper, "The Pilgrim Torch" that was closely associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH.

By letter dated 1/20/49 under the caption "KENNETH GOFF, IS - X" the Denver Office advised the Bureau that GOFF claimed to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning EUGENE DENNIS, who was presently on trial in New York City along with the other top eleven Communist Party leaders of the U. S., and Denver asked the Bureau if they desired that GOFF be used as a witness in that trial; however, the Bureau declined GOFF's services. In the Bureau case entitled "DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH GOFF; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ, IS-X" GOFF was found guilty by jury trial on February 25, 1948, in USDC, District of

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Columbia, and was fined \$100.00 as a result of the subject's placing anti-Communist signs before the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. GOFF furnished a signed statement in this case admitting participation in placing these signs on the grounds of the Soviet Embassy on 7/31/47.

GOFF has been a controversial figure at Denver and Englewood, Colorado, for the past number of years and presently resides at 3406 South Bryant Street, Englewood, Colorado. In GOFF's speaking tours he also creates considerable controversy, which has resulted in many individuals and Bureau offices writing to the Bureau and the Denver Office concerning his activities. In GOFF's speaking tours he speaks on the following subjects:

"Treason in Our State Department;"
"Red Secret Plot for Seizure of Denver;"
"Do the Reds Plan to Come by Alaska;"
"Should We Use the Atom Bomb;"
"The New Bible. Is It of Communist Origin;"
"What is the Kremlin's Next Move;"
"Traitors in the Pulpit, or What's Behind the
Flying Saucers - Are They from Russia, Another
Planet or God?"

Also, some of the titles of GOFF's books which he publishes voluminously are:

"Will Russia Invade America;"
"One World A Red World;"
"Confessions of Stalin's Agent."

The "Rocky Mountain News" on October 25, 1951, contained an article stating that, "Three Englewood persons were ordered to appear in Denver Municipal Court as an aftermath of the ripping of the Soviet flag yesterday at Civic Center. Mr. [] KENNETH GOFF were two of these three individuals." The newspaper article continued that "The Soviet flag was being raised into position in the United Nations display flanking the walks at Civic Center when an unidentified man raced up and ripped the flag with a sharp instrument and darted into a waiting car. One of the spectators took down the license of the car, which belonged to KENNETH GOFF, self-named director of the Colorado Anti-Communist League."

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The "Denver Post" on October 31, 1951, contained an article stating that Denver city charges against GOFF and [] rising out of the slashing of the Russian flag on United Nations Day, were dismissed in view of the fact that the summons issued on GOFF at Englewood, Colorado, were issued illegally in that the violation occurred at Denver.

The "Denver Post" on August 21, 1952, contained an article captioned "MAC ARTHUR Rebuffs Constitution Party" and stated that General DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR has rebuffed the efforts of the Colorado Branch of the Constitution Party in placing MAC ARTHUR's name on the Colorado election ballot. KENNETH GOFF of Englewood is the head of the Colorado Branch of the Constitution Party which principles were outlawing the Communist Party, a quick and honorable peace in Korea, withdrawal from the United Nations by the United States, states rights, constitutional money, and opposition to "creeping Socialism."

An article in the "Rocky Mountain News" dated February 20, 1946, contained a short article stating that KENNETH GOFF, Youth Leader for the Rev. HARVEY SPRINGER of the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, pleaded no contest in Justice Court to charges he passed a short check, Action was deferred by the court for one year due to the fact that the check involved was for only \$8.00.

The "Denver Post" dated July 27, 1953, contained a photograph and an article concerning picketing by the Colorado Anti-Communist League headed by the Rev. KENNETH GOFF outside the Englewood High School Field House to protest the appearance of JOHN A. CARROLL, former U. S. Congressman, who was the chief speaker at a special "Prayer for Peace" opening Englewood's Golden Jubilee celebration. GOFF told reporters that his group objected to CARROLL's participation in the program because of CARROLL's left wing views and his long record of support for the United Nations.

Memo to Director, FBI from
SAC, Denver, 3-3-55, Subject:
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Re Washington Field air-tel to the Director and New York, dated
2/23/55.

Re OLIVER KENNETH GOFF

Payments

A review of the indices at New York concerning GOFF reflects no
record of any payments to him for services performed as an informant.

Derogatory Information

A letter from the Bureau, dated 2/4/49, entitled CPUSA BRIEF; IS-C" indicated that GOFF was a close associate of GERALD L. K. SMITH and was an avid anti-Communist. This letter showed that GOFF was fined one hundred dollars for placing derogatory signs in front of the Russian Embassy. This letter also indicated that GOFF was not to be considered as a possible witness in the EUGENE DENNIS case because of his unsavory character.

New York files also revealed a letter to Senator WILLIAM LANGER from the Director, carbon copy to New York, which contained a photostatic copy of a letter from [] to DEAN ACHESON, Secretary of State, dated 1/24/51. [] related in his letter that he was told by the Principal of the Senior High School of Grand Island, Nebraska, that KENNETH GOFF had lectured before the High School Student Body a week previous and in response to a question declared that "DEAN ACHESON is not now a Communist but he was one." [] went on to relate that he was told that GOFF drew an analogy that if a bird "looked like a duck and walked like a duck it must be a duck" in relation to Mr. ACHESON.

Memo to Director, FBI from
SAC, New York 3-3-55, Subject:

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MR. KENNETH E. GOFF
REVEREND KENNETH GOFF
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Re Washington Field Office airtel to Director dated February 23, 1955,
and Washington Field Office airtel to Director dated February 24, 1955.

In connection with the above referenced airtels, the following information
is presented concerning OLIVER KENNETH GOFF, with the necessary documentation
presently available in the Chicago Office.

It is to be noted that the information to be presented consists of
derogatory information, and also contains information which might be of value
in connection with the above subject.

American Youth Congress

CS [redacted], of known reliability, advised in 1941 that one KENNETH C.
GOFF, President of the Wisconsin Youth Congress, addressed delegates at the fourth
convention of the American Youth Congress held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 2
and 5, 1937. The Credentials Committee advised that 978 delegates attended this
convention. CS [redacted] added that GOFF's name also appeared in the Milwaukee
papers "The Leader" and the "Sentinel" on July 2, 1937 as being in attendance
at the above convention. The above information is contained in Chicago file
100-1520-15 page 7.

An anonymous source advised the Chicago Office in 1941 that [redacted]
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The above information is contained in 100-1520-5, page 38.

Anti-Defamation League, B'Nai B'Rith
Chicago (ADLBB)

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The ADLBB furnished the Chicago Office on July 26, 1945 with the following report.

Citizens USA Committee met July 6, 1945 at Engineers Building, 205 West Wacker Drive, Chicago. Among those speakers for this meeting was one KENNETH GOFF.

GOFF stated that the San Francisco Charter would be "a flag over our flag, a God over our God, and a world government over our government." He called upon this country to "drive the internationalists out of Washington like we did in 1776.

GOFF said that "one of the most dastardly" things the American Communists have done in the last six months has been to try to "split America apart" by reverting to their old line of an aggressive program of opposition to capitalism. GOFF gave an expose of TITO, talked about the Ku Klux Klan and discussed American religious groups.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-6895-254.

The ADLBB furnished the Chicago Office on July 26, 1945 with the following report.

Citizens USA Committee met July 6, 1945, [redacted], not being present, [redacted] opened the meeting. Meeting attended by 170 of the usual motley crew of aged, frustrated, unkempt men and women.

Mr. KENNETH E. GOFF was then presented as a guest speaker. Despite his grey hair, the speaker appeared rather youthful with an engaging personality. He has an artificial leg, which according to [redacted] arose out of an accident at Cleveland, Ohio, when a group of Communists threw GOFF under a train. GOFF is a former Communist worker, joining the party after his graduation from the University of Wisconsin. Now he describes himself as a "renegade outlaw" from the Party and derives his livelihood delivering vicious attacks against Communists. He also worked as an investigator for the Dies Committee.

GOFF's speech was an attack upon Communism. It attempted to show first that despite the dissolution of the 3rd International JOE STALIN still controls activity. Secondly, that the Communists have a special religious program in that they are aiming to divide christianity.

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The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-6895-255.

The ADLBB furnished the Chicago Office on July 26, 1945 with the following report.

Citizens, USA Committee met July 20, 1945 with about 150 present.

KENNETH GOFF of Englewood, Colorado, was present. GOFF was the speaker two weeks ago and evidently has stayed in Chicago or in the vicinity. GOFF is editor of "The Pilgrim Touch", monthly newspaper published by Christian Youth for America.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-6895-253 page 1.

[redacted] Fact Finding Department Anti-Defamation League, 343 South Dearborn, Chicago, furnished SA [redacted] with the October, 1952 issue of "The Facts". "The Facts" is a publication of the ADLBB, 212 5th Avenue, New York 10, New York. The October, 1952 edition reflected that Anti-Semitic KENNETH GOFF was one of the sponsors of the Constitution Party.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-1816-1B12 page 4.

[redacted], supra, furnished SA [redacted] with the November, 1952 issue of "The Facts".

This publication reflected that on the eve of the National election, [redacted] of the Santa Anna Register, saw fit to give a free "plug" to the Constitution Party which in the last months of the campaign was dominated by a group of professional anti-Semites and hate mongers, including one KENNETH GOFF among others.

The Constitution Party was running DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR for President. The above is retained in Chicago file 100-1816-1B1(2) page 1.

[redacted], supra, furnished SA [redacted] with the March, 1953 issue of "The Facts". This issue reflects that one KENNETH GOFF was one of the sponsors of the Constitution Party during 1953 political campaign.

The above is being retained in Chicago file 100-1816-1B1-2 page 3.

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[redacted], supra, furnished SA [redacted] on November 25, 1953 with a copy of the monthly report of the Anti-Defamation League Midwest Fact Finding Department, Chicago, dated October 6, 1953. This report reflected that one KENNETH GOFF, ex-Communist and now well known for his professional hate-mongering, had recently received a slap in the face from Denver. When GOFF sought to inject himself into the Golden Jubilee Celebration of nearby Englewood, the "Denver Post" editorially censured him for daring to inject his political prejudices into the celebration scene. It is gratifying to note that outstanding citizens of the community quickly desavowed GOFF and all that he stands for.

The above is being retained in Chicago file 100-1816-1B2(1).

[redacted], supra, furnished SA [redacted] in 1953 with the September issue of "The Facts".

This publication reflected that in the summer of 1952 a widely advertised German American Friendship Rally was held at the Yorkville, Casino (New York). Their obvious intention was to forge German Americans into a voting bloc. The rally failed to make any impact and the Committee of the Constitution Party was formed. This "third party" was sponsored by one KENNETH GOFF along with others. They nominated General MAC ARTHUR to head its national ticket.

The above is being retained in Chicago file 100-1816-1B1(2) page 3.

Christian Nationalist Crusade (CNC)

[redacted], of known reliability
furnished SA [redacted] on June 26, 1948 with [redacted]

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The above information is contained in Chicago file A)66-2142-1a8.

[redacted] furnished the Chicago Office on June 4, 1948 with information reflecting that [redacted]

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[redacted]

The above information is contained in Chicago file A)66-2142-32

[redacted] furnished SE [redacted]

[redacted]

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-7744-253.

Christian Youth for America

[redacted] advised the Chicago Office on [redacted] that he had learned that [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

The above information is contained in Chicago file B)100-13952-1511.

CG 5824-S, of known reliability, advised in February of 1955 that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] for CP District No. 8 in 1954, and presently as of February, 1955.

Confidential source, [REDACTED], furnished SA [REDACTED] in 1943 with a report of a meeting of the Citizens Patriotic Committee held on June 18, 1943 at 205 Wacker Drive, Chicago, with approximately 150 persons in attendance. [REDACTED], supra, introduced the speaker of the evening.

[REDACTED] introduced KENNETH GOFF of Milwaukee as a former member of the Communist Party. According to [REDACTED], GOFF joined the Party in 1936, had been a leader of the Young Communist League, a leader in the American Student Union, and had appeared before the Dies Committee where he had given some 500 pages of testimony. [REDACTED] stated that until recently, GOFF had been employed by the Office of Price Administration in Milwaukee, but had been fired after he was brought before a board of "4 Jews and 2 Americans" because he had dared criticize the Communists. The report indicated that the audience hissed the mention of the "4 Jews and 2 Americans" making up the OPA Board.

GOFF's speech stated he was surprised to come back to CPC again and find them still functioning because he expected the members of the CPC to have been "drug down by the new Jerusalem." GOFF referred to the meeting of ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL in the Atlantic Ocean as the "fishing trip of FRANKIE and JOHNNIE off the coast of Maine."

GOFF suggested that the audience really read the "Communist Manifesto" by KARL MARX and stated "Should we be led by men who gave us the Triple A?"

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-6895-63.

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"Closer Ups"

It is to be noted in the publication "Closer Ups", dated August 18, 1952, there is a report on the framing of a new party. The framework of the new party organization was further built up by the election of a national committee whose members are to expand their number to two from each state. One Mr. KENNETH GOFF, Box 116, Englewood, Denver, Colorado, was a member of this committee. This new party was called the Constitution Party of the United States.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 105-2031-2.

Committee for American Independence

G-2, Chicago, furnished the Chicago Office in 1945 with information concerning a weekly meeting of the Committee for American Independence held at the Engineers Building, Wacker Drive and Wells Street, Chicago, which was held on August 17, 1945. The above organization was formerly known as the Citizens USA Committee. G-2 added that it is still operated in the same manner, opposing everything laid out by the United Nations.

One KENNETH GOFF, well known speaker, addressed the group. GOFF, a former member of the CP and chief witness of the recent Dies Committee investigation opened his address by stating "The War is over and we have what is called a victory, yet it is a Red victory but for us an overwhelming defeat." [redacted] of the organization, also spoke. A question and answer period was held by GOFF who answered questions on Communism and its problems in America.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-6895-261.

G-2 advised the Chicago Office in 1952 that on the afternoon of July 10, 1952 about 150 to 200 persons representing the Constitutional Americans, one of the super patriotic rightists groups, held a parade backing the candidacy of General MAC ARTHUR for President. Among those recognized in attendance was one KENNETH GOFF, anti-Semitic and super patriotic from Colorado.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-11506-510.

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An anonymous source advised the Chicago Office in 1946 that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This source added that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The above information is contained in Chicago file 62-O-14912.

Miscellaneous

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised SA [REDACTED] on May 15, 1947
that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-7744-249.

G-2 advised the Chicago Office in 1953 that the Reverend KENNETH GOFF was named as a principal speaker for a meeting advertised in Chicago on April 14, 1953, entitled "We the Mothers Mobilize for America." His topic was "Why is Russia Less Belligerent?".

"We the Mothers Mobilize for America" is an organization formed during World War II, which came into disrepute because of its alleged pro-Fascist sympathies.

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The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-11506-552 page 8.

[redacted], furnished SE [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-23110-162 page 1.

It is to be noted that in the 1947 edition of "Gentile News", an anti-Semitic newspaper published at Oak Park, Illinois, a letter is set forth reflecting the attitude of the Democratic Nationalist Party. Apparently it is written by a member of the DNP.

The letter contained the following:

"Since I am a young veteran of World War II and a member of a local Nationalist organization, I would like some information on the activities of other Nationalist Youth groups, such as the Nationalist Youth League, headed by KENNETH GOFF."

The above information is contained in Chicago file 105-1384-31 page 2.

On July 5, 1951 Reverend KENNETH GOFF, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of the Chicago Office.

GOFF advised SA [redacted], that he was a former CP member who knew [redacted] about six years ago and that he (GOFF) had been cooperating with the Milwaukee Office. He said that while changing trains at the Northwestern Depot on his way to Denver, he entered the Gateway Restaurant located at that Depot and as he entered, he saw a man whom he is positive was [redacted] just paying his check at the cashier's booth at that restaurant. He stated [redacted] saw him and left the station immediately. GOFF did not follow him. He said [redacted] was with a short, stocky negro, whom GOFF did not recognize.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-3952-830.

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On July 5, 1951 GOFF was interviewed by SAs [] and [] at the Northwestern station, Chicago. Upon interview Reverend KENNETH GOFF, 3406 South Bryant, Denver, Colorado, stated he was unable to furnish any other information as to [] whereabouts at the time of the call.

GOFF stated he observed these men for probably five minutes and said that apparently they had finished eating in the restaurant and were leaving at the time he first saw them. He stated he believed [] definitely recognized him and pointed out that from 1936 to 1939 he had served with [] in the Young Communist League. GOFF was also a member of the Party during those years. He stated that both he and [] had been in the National Committee of the YCL and added that he would estimate he last saw [] six or seven years ago.

The above information is contained in Chicago file 100-3952-874.

It is noted that in Chicago file 100-3931-53 reference is made to the fact that KENNETH GOFF of 3406 South Bryant Street, Denver, Colorado, was probably acquainted with [] during his attendance at the University of Wisconsin, [] being a student from July, 1932 to June, 1937. [] was reported as subject of an Espionage - R case in the Milwaukee Office.

It should be noted that in Chicago letter to Director dated February 19, 1954 entitled [] there is information contained therein concerning a notarized statement executed by OLIVER KENNETH GOFF in Arapahoe County, Colorado, dated January 16, 1953. Inasmuch as San Francisco is in possession of this statement, the Chicago Office is not setting it forth at this time unless so advised by the Bureau.

Letter to Director, FBI from
SAC, Chicago, 3-9-55, Re:

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Perjury"
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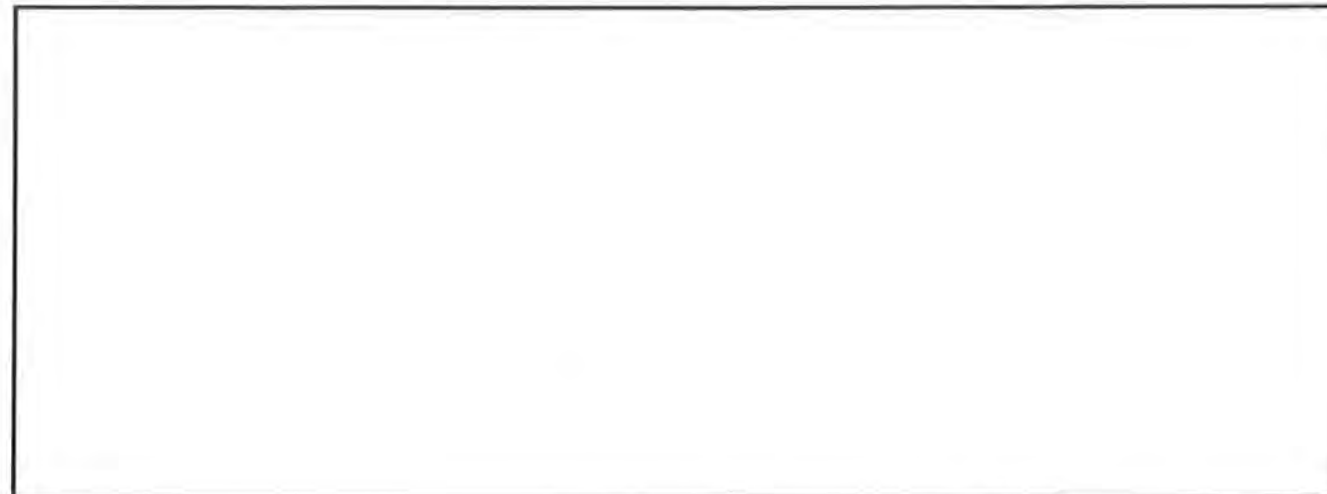
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NOTE: There are numerous references in 100-27955 volumes one through six but only those that have been indexed are included in this memo.

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LOGS AND SUMMARIES



11:10 am, 7-31-47

Source:

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SAME INFORMATION found in MAIN FILE

References found to be the same information as in 105-412 are as follows:

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PART II - Possibly Identical

MR. GOFF

Informant stated a friend of his, who does not want his name disclosed,

[redacted]
[redacted]. The writer suggests to informant to either try to get more specific allegations or ask his friend to notify this office of any information he might have.

No action in the absence of more specific information from [redacted]
[redacted] or his friend.

Complaint form:
Complainant, [redacted]

Subject, [redacted]
Mr. GOFF

Received by SA [redacted]
Feb. 22, 1943, 11:15 a.m.
[redacted]

KENNETH GOFF

[redacted]
telephonically contacted this office from her temporary address, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she was a contact of that office and frequently furnished information relative to Communist matters to Agents of that office.

Memo to SAC, Milwaukee 6-30-47
from GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WFO, Re:
[REDACTED], Informant -
Security Matter - C"
[REDACTED]

KENNETH GOFF

[REDACTED]
telephonically contacted this office from her temporary address, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Milwaukee Office inasmuch as [REDACTED] advised that she was a contact of that office and frequently furnished information relative to Communist matters to agents of that office.

Memo to SAC, Milwaukee, 7-7-47
from GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WFO Re:
[REDACTED] Informant -
Security Matter - C"
[REDACTED]

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OLIVER KENNETH GOFF

> 100-8206 (DIES LIST) may be reviewed by Agent at HCUA

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[REDACTED]

4:05 pm, 10-3-51
Source: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
October thru December, 1951

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PART III - Non-identical References

None

PART IV - Indices

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KENNETH O. GOFF
SM-INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO:EW)

On 2/28/64, [redacted], Leon
Community of Schools, Leon, Iowa (60 miles from Des Moines),
telephoned WFO from Leon, Iowa.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on evening
of 2/27/64, subject had spoken before a church group in Leon.
[redacted] said he did not like some of subject's remarks, one of
which was very uncomplimentary about our president. Subject
circulated a brochure prior to talk which mentioned among
other things that subject had been a former Communist
Party member. [redacted] said he desired to have an Agent contact
him about this matter at which time he would make available
brochure.

WFO files disclose subject is well known to Denver
Office; that he has a flair for publicity.

On 2/25/48, subject and another individual were
found guilty by District Court of the United States for
District of Columbia and fined \$100 for displaying placards
and signs within 500 feet of Russian Embassy in July, 1947.
Incident took place shortly before GERALD L. K. SMITH was
to speak in Washington, D. C. SMITH described as leader of
organization to which subject belonged.

Omaha is requested to contact [redacted] and obtain
information for transmittal to Denver.

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RE: REVEREND KENNETH GOFF
WFO #105-412

1. Signed statement taken from DONALD A. LOEBLICH BY SAS [] and []
and dated October 13, 1947.

2. SIGNED STATEMENT of KENNETH O. GOFF.

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4. Photos of placing of signs at Soviet Embassy.
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5. Six photographic negatives of placing of signs
at Soviet Embassy.

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ENCLOSURE TO WASHINGTON FIELD

DONALD A. LOHBECK; REVEREND KENNETH
GOFF; FORREST SCHICKEDANZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Detroit, Michigan
October 13, 1947

I, Wm Lohbeck, voluntarily
make this statement to [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] who
have identified themselves to me
as special agents of the F.B.I.
No threats, promises, duress
or promises of reward have been
made to induce me to make
this statement and I understand
that it may be used against
me in court.

On July 31, 1947 Reverend
Kenneth Clapp, Forrest Schickelberg
and I posted on the lawn and
building of the Russian Embassy in
Washington D.C. certain placards
and signs with the intention
of drawing the eyes of the American
people upon what was
believed to be a center of
foreign agents, pledged to
overthrow the American
government.

The signs were made
for us by the Capital Sign Co.
in Washington D.C., this company

was under the impression
that it was for some
theatrical doing. The subject
matter on the signs was composed
by me. The car used to go
to the Embassy was owned by
Forrest Schickelberg.

I have read the
statement consisting of two
pages and it is true to
the best of my knowledge and
belief.

Kon Lohrke

Witness

[redacted]
Special Agt. J. B. J. - Detroit

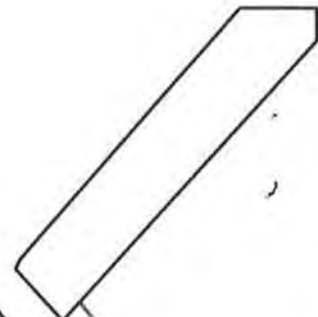
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Special Agent, F.B.I. Detroit.

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ENCL. TO WASHINGTON FIELD
Signed statement of KENNETH O. GOFF
DWR 105-123
10/29/47

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Englewood Colo
Oct 27 1947

I, Kenneth O. Goff make the following
voluntary statement to [redacted]
and [redacted] who have identified
themselves to me as Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation. No
threats or promises were made to me to
make this statement. I understand this
statement may be used against me in
a court of law.

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I was in Wash. D.C. during the week ending August
3, 1947. On the early part of the week I had
occasion to pass the ~~United States~~ ^{K. G.} ~~Embassy~~ ^{so called}
Soviet Embassy located at 1125 ~~Sixteenth~~
Street N.W. I noticed going in and out of the building
persons who I have been acquainted with while a
member of the Communist Party. This and other
events which are embodied in my statement were the
reasons for my going with Don Lohbeck to the
building located at 1125 Sixteenth St. N.W. and
placing on the lawn and trees the signs bearing
the inscriptions: "For Sale, Business Leaving Soon",
"Closed, Rat Infested", "Murder, Inc.", "Beware of
Spies at work". Only Lohbeck and I
participated in placing these signs described above.
These signs were placed on or about July 31, 1947, at
approximately nine thirty in the morning.

Kenneth O. Goff

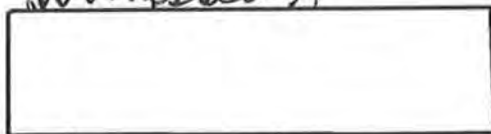
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I deny that the building located at 1125 Sixteenth St N is an Embassy. It is the criminal headquarters of international anti-Christian plotters. My gesture in demonstrating before that building on the morning of July 31, 1947 represented a desperate attempt on my part to call the attention of the American people to the terrible crisis we face. At that time and now I consider a harmless demonstration such as I carried on an educational project which if taken seriously might save America from being victimized by the International Comintern.

I have read this statement consisting of two pages, and it is true I have initialed all corrections and signed both pages.

Kenneth C. Goff

Witnessed:



Special Agent, FBI Denver 10/27/47
Special Agent, FBI Denver 10/22/47

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